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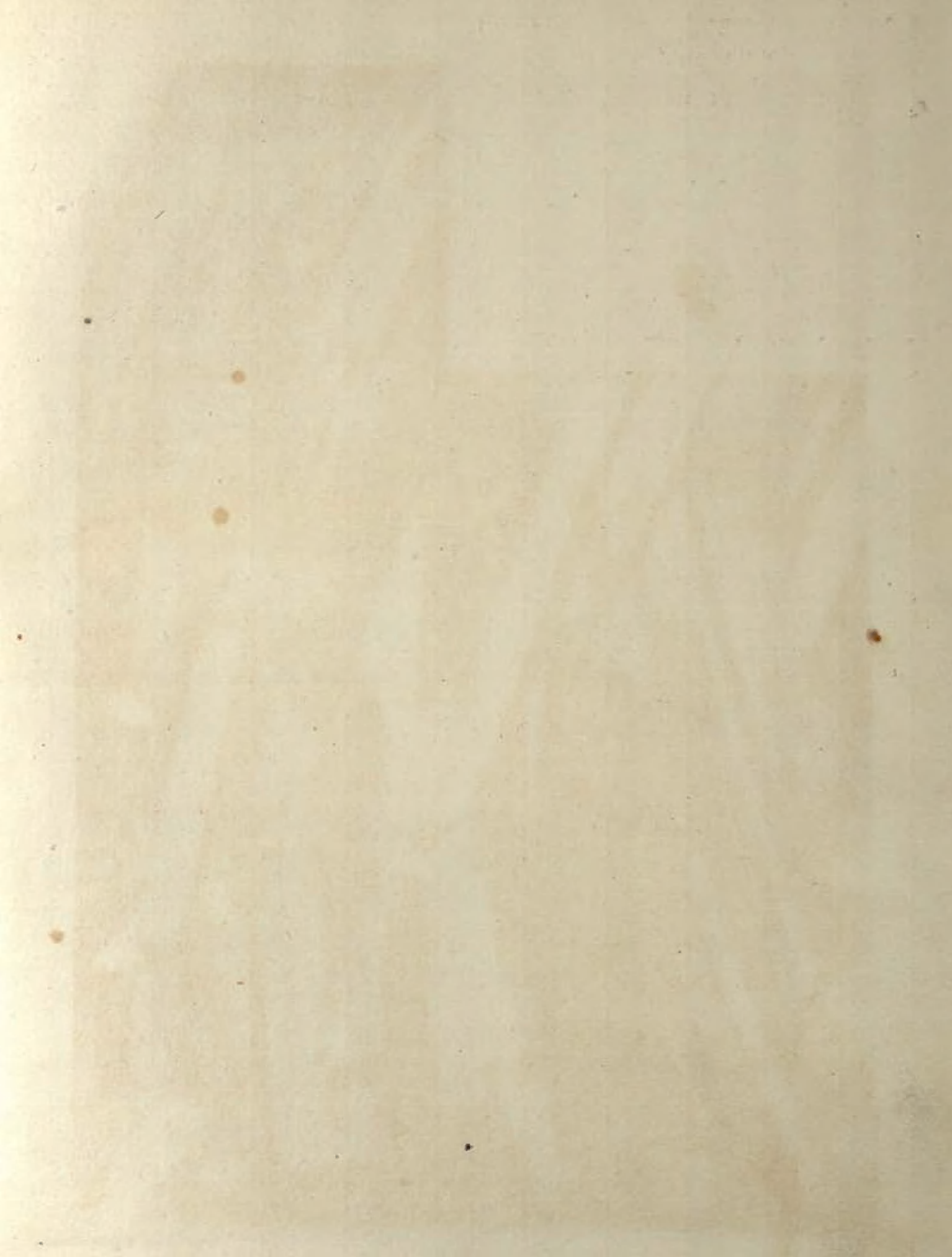
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## FAH HIAN'S KINGDOM OF THE DAKSHINA.

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IT was apparently Fah Hian's original intention to pass from North India to Ceylon through Southern India, but on making inquiries into the state of the country through which his route would lie, he was obliged, for some unmentioned reason, to give up this portion of his enterprise. The short report which he has left<sup>1</sup> of the results of those inquiries is very interesting, and contains allusions which seem to me to be capable of being developed into an outline of the condition of an important portion of Southern India during the earliest centuries of the Christian era.

He tells us that "two hundred *yeouyan* to the south there is a kingdom called *Tha-tshen*," and he then proceeds to describe two or three circumstances respecting it which had come to his knowledge. The object of this paper is to try to identify this kingdom by a development of the meaning of these words and their context, and by a comparison of the interpretation so obtained with other information respecting the condition of South India at the time to which his description refers.

M. Klaproth long ago recognized the word '*Tha-tshen*' as Fah Hian's equivalent of the word "*Dakshina* ('the South'), a denomination applied to the vast country called at present the *Dakhan*, which is the vulgar pronunciation of *Dakshina*:" and no question is likely to arise

regarding the correctness of this identification.

The limitation of the word '*Dakhan*' to that portion of South India which lies between the Vindhya and a moveable line in the neighbourhood of the *Krishna*, I need scarcely say, is comparatively modern; in Fah Hian's time the word '*Dakshina*,' when used in a geographical sense, embraced the whole country between the Vindhya and Cape Kumari (Comorin). It is therefore remarkable that he should use this word as the name of a kingdom. He does not indeed say that there was no other kingdom besides this within those limits, and it is well known from other sources that the whole of that region was not in his time under the rule of a single monarch; still, what had been conveyed to his mind by his informants, who were themselves 'people of the country,' was, that there was a kingdom in the south, whatever its other name or names may have been, which was at that time sufficiently pre-eminent amongst its neighbours to be entitled to be called 'The kingdom of the south.' Perhaps it may be allowable to infer that this kingdom had received that name on account of its comparatively large extent of territory, or from having established some kind of paramount authority over the rest of the kingdoms of South India.

<sup>1</sup> The present paper is based on Mr. Laidley's translation of the French edition of MM. Rémusat, Klaproth, and Landresse.



Fah Hian's short description<sup>\*</sup> contains several indirect indications that this great kingdom was in an advanced state of civilization:—

1. Architecture and sculpture were represented by the Buddhist monastery, carved out of an isolated rock, and containing 1500 cells, of which he gives a somewhat particular description. The rock was cut down to represent a building of five storeys rising above each other in pyramidal form; each storey was carved into the shape of an animal, or series of animals, culminating in a pigeon of sufficient size to contain a hundred monks' cells. This pigeon also held a reservoir of water, and the water was conducted from it in channels which ran round each of the five storeys in succession, and ultimately flowed out through the outer gate of the monastery. This colossal curiosity of architectural and sculptural art may very justly be regarded not as an isolated and entirely singular monument, but as a very remarkable instance or copy of a class of structural buildings of various degrees of resemblance to it, which were to be found in the surrounding country: since it can scarcely be thought probable that the architect and sculptor would rise at one bound to the conception of an edifice of this high character, to be carved, in the first instance, out of the solid rock. It may therefore fairly be regarded as an example of the style of architecture, whether indigenous or imported, which prevailed at the time of its construction, and which had existed for some time previously, in this part of South India.

<sup>\*</sup> For the sake of reference we add Beal's version of Fah-hian's 36th section in full:—

"Going two hundred yōjēnas south from this, there is a country called Ta-thsin (Dakṣiṇa). Here is a Saṅghārāma of the former Buddha Kāśyapa. It is constructed out of a great mountain of rock hewn to the proper shape. This building has altogether five storeys. The lowest is shaped into the form of an elephant, and has five hundred stone cells in it. The second is in the form of a lion, and has four hundred chambers. The third is shaped like a horse, and has three hundred chambers. The fifth storey is in the shape of a dove, and has one hundred chambers in it. At the very top of all is a spring of water, which, flowing in a stream before the rooms, encircles each tier, and so, running in a circuitous course, at last arrives at the very lowest storey of all, where, flowing past the chambers as before, it finally issues through the door of the building. Throughout the consecutive tiers, in various parts of the building, windows have been pierced through the solid rock for the admission of light, so that every chamber is quite illuminated, and there is no darkness (throughout the whole). At the four corners of this edifice they have hewn out the rock into steps, as a means for ascending. Men of the present time point out a small ladder which reaches up to the highest point (of the rock) by which men of old ascended it, one foot at a time (?). They derive the name which they give to this building, viz. Po-lo-pa, from an Indian word [Pāṇḍvata], signifying

2. The existence of this viḥāra would of itself be sufficient to justify the conclusion that the Buddhist religion had taken considerable root in the 'kingdom of the south,' and that those who professed it were a respectable class of its subjects. But Fah Hian does not leave this circumstance to be merely conjectured: for he distinctly refers to the Buddhist monks, as well as to the Brāhmanas and heretics, who dwelt in this kingdom.<sup>2</sup> Religion, therefore,—regarding it here as a mark of the civilization of the 'kingdom of the south,'—was represented by each of the highest forms of religious philosophy to which the intellect of India had then risen.

3. This last circumstance involves another mark of the civilization of this kingdom: for in the fact that Buddhist monks, Brāhmanas, and dissenters from both, lived side by side within it, there is an indication that religious toleration was both understood and practised, in some measure or other, by both the rulers and the subjects of 'the kingdom of the south.' And this is the more remarkable since Fah Hian distinctly states that the masses of the people were perversely opposed to the Buddhist religion, notwithstanding their voluntary or compulsory toleration of it.

4. The presence of these 'Samanas, Brāhmanas, and Heretics' implies the corresponding existence of the voluminous literature of each of these religious denominations in 'the kingdom of the south.'

5. Fah Hian was informed by the people

'pigeon.' There are always Rabats abiding here. This land is hilly and barren, without inhabitants. At a considerable distance from the hill there are villages, but all of them are inhabited by heretics. They know nothing of the law of Buddha, or Shamana, or Brāhmanas, or of any of the different schools of learning. The men of that country continually see persons come flying to the temple. On a certain occasion there were some Buddhist pilgrims from different countries who came here with a desire to pay religious worship at this temple. Then the men of the villages above alluded to asked them saying, 'Why do you not fly to it? We behold the religious men who occupy those chambers constantly on the wing.' These men then answered by way of excuse, 'Because our wings are not yet perfectly formed.' The country of Ta-thsin is precipitous, and the roads dangerous and difficult to find. Those who wish to go there ought to give a present to the king of the country, either money or goods. The king then deputed certain men to accompany them as guides, and so they pass the travellers from one place to another, each party pointing out their own roads and intricate bye paths. Fah Hian, finding himself in the end unable to proceed to that country, reports in the above passages merely what he heard."—Beal's *Travels of Fah-hian and Sung-yun*, pp. 139-141.

<sup>2</sup> This is in accordance with Mr. Laidley's version, from which Mr. Beal's differs in this particular.



of the country that a service of state-guides existed in this kingdom, and that they were paid for their services, through the government officials, at a regulated price, and that this price had to be paid in advance by the traveller on his entrance into the country. This I understand to be the meaning of his words,—“Those who desire to proceed thither should first pay a certain sum of money to the king of the country, who will then appoint people to accompany them and show them the way.”

6. This service of guides, considered, as it is by Fah Hian, as a remarkable feature in the character of this kingdom, could scarcely have arisen as a state institution in any but one possessing extensive territory. His description of the route through this kingdom implies as much also:—“The roads of the kingdom of *Tha-t-h-sen* are dangerous, toilsome, and not easy to know:” for, written as these words were after he had accomplished the difficult land-journey from China to India, he is clearly referring to an extensive tract of country abounding in mountains and deep rivers, and jungles infested by robbers and wild beasts. The same conclusion seems to arise from the context of this description of the roads: for he proceeds at once to add, first, that the traveller had to pay down “a certain sum of money to the king of the country” before he made the journey on these roads; and, secondly, that he “was unable to proceed thither.” I gather from this, first, that it was principally, if not entirely, the necessity of advancing this money which deterred him from proceeding by the land route to Ceylon: for it seems very improbable that the great zeal and intrepidity which had already accomplished the Himalayan journey would shrink before the lesser difficulties of the Dakhan, provided those difficulties were of a similar kind. And, if this was the deterring reason, I gather, secondly, that the sum of money required to be advanced was not a mere passenger’s toll, but a considerable sum, which Fah Hian’s purse was unable to meet, or which he did not consider advisable to spend in this manner.

7. Fah Hian, as a zealous Buddhist, looked at this institution, as he did at everything else during his sojourn in India, only as it affected himself and others of his own profession: he speaks of this service simply as one of guides, and of the persons who benefited by it as “the

Clergy of Reason of the other kingdoms,” who proceeded “thither to practise the rites.” Religious mendicants, unencumbered with property, would need nothing more than to be shown the way of their journey: but I cannot imagine a powerful state setting about the establishment of an elaborate and expensive service of this kind for the benefit of these monks alone, if their travels were made for exclusively religious purposes. If we could learn more of this institution, it would probably turn out to be the old police service of Southern India; and the persons for whose benefit it was more especially instituted, and applied in the form to which Fah Hian refers, were the merchants who traversed the Dakhan in those days with the lighter and most precious articles of the commerce of the East. Their valuable merchandize would need and could well pay for this kind of state escort; and the rich benefits of this commerce which they brought into the kingdom would afford efficient motives to induce the state to create or to apply a police service of this kind for their protection. This service, therefore, thus regarded, suggests another mark of the civilization of ‘the kingdom of the south,’ namely, its valuable commerce, and its inland trade-routes.

These instances of the political, intellectual, and religious condition of Fah Hian’s ‘kingdom of the south,’ taken in connection with the several matters which lie beneath them and lead up to them, seem fully to warrant the conclusion that it was both extensive and powerful, and that it was advanced in the best forms of the civilization which India had worked out in those early times.

Fah Hian mentions ‘the king of the country,’ and there seem to be some considerations in his description which lead to the conclusion that this or some previous ruler or rulers of this kingdom was a patron of Buddhism, if not himself a Buddhist:—

1. The presence of Buddhist monks is sufficient to show that the rulers of the kingdom were not inimical to the Buddhist religion. Brāhmanas and Jains were already on the scene, ready to take advantage of any ascendancy of their religion at court to crush their hated rivals; and the common people, in at least one part of the kingdom, were avowedly rejectors of Buddhism.

2. It is much more likely that the toleration

of these rival religions should have proceeded from a mild Buddhist monarch than from a king whose sympathies were with the party of innovation, whose earliest appearances on the stage of the history of the times which succeeded Fah Hian's days are associated with bitter controversies, and a fanatical hatred of their Buddhist opponents, which prepared the way for their general extermination.

3. It is scarcely probable that a colossal work of art, like Fah Hian's rock-cut monastery, could have been undertaken by any one but a powerful, rich, and prosperous king,\* or rather, considering the time which such a work would require for its completion, by a succession of such kings. And it is similarly improbable that a costly and everlasting monument of this description would have been so undertaken unless the king or kings had religious convictions in harmony with the object for which such a magnificent building was constructed.

We may now pass on to investigate the locality of the kingdom of Tha-thsen.

Fah Hian places it "two hundred *yoouyan* to the south"—namely, to the south of the place where he was when he described it. In the preceding chapter we find him ascending the Heng (Ganges) from Palianfoe (Pāṭaliputra) until "he came to the town of Pho-lo-nai (Varanasi, Banāras), in the kingdom of Kia-shi" (Kāshi). Banāras, therefore, is the starting-point of his measurement of the two hundred *yoouyan*.

The *yoouyan*, as the equivalent of the Sanskrit *yojana*, is "a measure of distance equal to four *kroshas*, which at 8000 cubits or 4000 yards to the *krosha* or *kos* will be almost exactly nine miles; other computations make the *yojana* but about five miles, or even no more than four miles and a half." (Wilson, *Sansk. Diet.*) The Chinese appear to have used the word not so much as a definite measure of length, as to express the distance from one halting-place to another during royal progresses on the imperial highroads, and between the relays of the post; and the actual length of the different stages appears to have depended upon the level or hilly character of the country, and so to have varied much everywhere. "The translations of Buddhist works," says M. Rémusat, "distin-

guish three kinds of *yojana*:—the great *yojana* of 80 *li*, which is used in the measurement of level countries, where the absence of mountains and rivers renders the road easy; the mean *yojana* of 60 *li*, when rivers and mountains oppose some difficulties to the traveller; and the little *yojana* of 40 *li*, adapted to those countries where the mountains are precipitous and the rivers very deep." Fah Hian says that "the roads of the kingdom of the Dakshina are dangerous, toilsome, and not easy to know;" and it therefore seems natural to suppose that the little *yojana* of forty *li* would be selected by him as the most applicable in this instance. M. Rémusat, in fact, adopts the little *yojana* of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  English miles as "applicable with exactness to the most celebrated localities" which have been identified in these travels of Fah Hian. For the present purpose, therefore, it seems reasonable to adopt this measurement of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles for the *yojana* in the interpretation of Fa Hian's report; and his words then, put into plain English, will be, "Nine hundred miles to the south of Banāras there is a kingdom called the kingdom of the south."

The question now arises, What point had he in his mind at the other end of his line? He starts from a fixed point, Banāras; and it seems natural to suppose that he is referring to some equally definite spot, which it had been his wish to visit in Southern India—very probably the capital city of the kingdom which he is describing, or, possibly enough, the remarkable rock-cut Pigeon Monastery, which he immediately proceeds to describe.

One more preliminary question needs to be answered, namely, With what degree of exactness does Fah Hian indicate the directions of the localities which he mentions? What is to be understood by his expression 'to the south'? An examination of several passages of his travels leads me to the conclusion that, short only of scientific exactness, he lays down the relative positions of places very correctly, but he does not go beyond the four cardinal points of the compass and the four intermediate points. Any place, therefore, lying between south-south-east and south-south-west would be 'to the south,' within the usual meaning of his words. On a map of India I mark off by its scale a line 900 miles in length. Applying this line to the map

\* Hiuen Tsiang calls the monastery *Po-lo-mo-lo-ki-li*, and says it was built by king So-to-po-ho (Śīlavāhana?).—*Mém. sur les Cout. Occid.* II. p. 101.



in a southerly direction from Banāras, and deflecting it a little to the west, to keep within the limits of the land, the end of the 900 miles will be found in the neighbourhood of Madras; and, as Madras is only about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  degrees to the west of the meridian of Banāras, any place in the neighbourhood of Madras will suit Fah Hian's distance and direction, according to this mode of measurement. It seems certain, however, that while we may consider Madras to be about the extreme south point to which his description can apply, Fa Hian had a more practicable route in mind than the crow-flight line; and when he says that "the roads of the kingdom of Thathsen are dangerous, tedious, and not easy to know," he seems to suggest an intricate inland route, rather than the road by the coast. If so, allowance must be made for the circuitousness and sinuosities of that route, and the end of the 900 miles will then fall a good deal north of Madras. In this long distance perhaps an allowance of about one-fourth will be sufficient to cover these deflections from the straight line; and the end of Fah Hian's line will then fall in the neighbourhood of the Kṛishṇā.

The result of this method of interpreting Fah Hian's 35th chapter may now be stated in these words:—Two hundred travelling stages to the south of Banāras—that is to say, somewhere between the basin of the Godāvarī and the basin of the Pālār—lay, in the year 400 A.D., the heart of an extensive kingdom, namely, the 'kingdom of the south,' where the arts of architecture and sculpture had attained a high stage of progress; where religion, philosophy, and literature were represented by Buddhist monks, Brāhmins, and other religious sectarians; where internal order was maintained by a well-organized police, whose services were available for the protection of pilgrims of religion, as well as for merchants and their merchandize; which possessed Buddhist monuments of sufficient interest and importance to induce "the Clergy of Reason of the other kingdoms [to] go thither and practise the rites;" whose material progress was apparently aided by a rich and extensive commerce; and which was governed by a mild and enlightened monarch, who, while he seems to have himself possessed Buddhist sympathies, was nevertheless tolerant of all other religions.

We may now proceed to compare this inter-

pretation with what is known of the history of the portion of South India to which it refers in the days of Fah Hian. The most northerly locality to which his indications have brought us, namely, the deltas of the Godāvarī and Kṛishṇā, lies within the limits of the ancient kingdom of Vengi; and the most southern point lies within forty miles of Conjeeveram, the old capital city Kānchi, famous amongst both Buddhists and Brāhmins as the seat of a powerful kingdom, and the centre of the civilization of Southern India, in the earliest days of its known history.

That both Vengi and Kānchi formed portions of one and the same kingdom at the time when the grants of the kings of the Pallavas in Sir Walter Elliot's collection were issued is abundantly evident from the contents of those grants, especially when taken in connection with those of their neighbours the Chera, the Kadamba, and the Chālukya kings; and there is no likelihood of any doubt being raised, in the present position of our information, that those grants of the Pallavas which have already been published, though they bear no dates, certainly belong to the time which closely bordered on that of Fah Hian's visit. For the purposes of this paper, therefore, it amounts to the same thing whether the central spot of the kingdom of Thathsen, to which Fah Hian's information referred, lay in the basins of the Godāvarī and Kṛishṇā, or in the basins of the Pālār and the Pennārs, since the whole of these localities were in his days under the rule of the kings of the Pallavas.

All that is at present known of these kings and their dominions corresponds with the interpretation which I have above offered of Fah Hian's narrative:—

1. That they were the paramount power in the Dakṣhaṇ when the first Chālukya army crossed the Narmadā, in or about the 5th century A.D., has long been known from Sir Walter Elliot's earliest papers on the Chālukya dynasties. The earliest kingdom of the Chālukyas in the Dakṣhaṇ was conquered by them from the Pallavas, and their peaceable possession of it was confirmed by the marriage of the Chālukya king with a princess of the Pallavas. So that a short time after, and so, apparently, at the very time of Fah Hian's visit, the Pallava dominions extended far up into



the north-western districts of the Dakṣiṇ; while at about the same time the whole of the seaboard from the northern limits of the Chōḷa kingdom at or about the southern Pennār up to the southern boundary of Orissa, together with the whole of the inland country westwards as far as the borders of the Chēras and the Kādambas, was in the possession of these kings. Vengi remained in their possession for about two centuries later than the time of Fah Hian, when (about A.D. 608) it was wrested from them by Kubja Viṣṇu Vardhana, the younger brother of the Chālukya king; and Kānchi continued to be the capital of their curtailed but still very powerful kingdom until a much later date, and, with still further curtailment of territory, very probably, until the tenth century, when the Chōḷas, taking advantage of the decay of their power, and of the anarchy which resulted from it, carved the new state of Tondamāḍalam out of the last remnant of their possessions. They were in the height of their power in Southern India, therefore, at the time of Fah Hian's visit; and their extensive dominions were then fully entitled to be called the 'kingdom of the Dakṣiṇa.'

2. That they were at least patrons of Buddhism seems clear from the fact of the existence of Buddhists and Buddhist institutions in their kingdom and their capital city; and that they were also tolerant of the Brāhmaṇical religion is shown by the circumstance that all their grants of lands which are as yet known were bestowed as Brāhmaṇical endowments. These facts, therefore, run parallel in this respect with Fah Hian's report of the Samānsens, Brāhmaṇas, and Heretics living together in the 'kingdom of the Dakṣiṇa.'

3. Whether they were themselves Buddhists or not, they were at any rate patrons of Buddhist architecture. Mr. Fergusson has shown that the culminating point of Buddhist architecture was attained, or at least most prominently represented, in the Tōpe of Amrāvati, on the banks of the Kṛishṇā, which stood in the very centre of the dominions of the Pallavas, and that the

most exquisite portions of the sculpture of that magnificent Buddhist monument were carved about the very time of Fah Hian's visit to India. And this splendid example of a Buddhist *tōpe* forms a fitting companion to his correspondingly grand Buddhist *vihāra*, as a twin example of the high style of architecture which prevailed in these parts in his days.

4. Hiwen Tṣang<sup>3</sup> has shown that throughout the whole course of his journey along the upper eastern coast the monasteries of the Buddhists abounded everywhere, many of them still flourishing, and many more of them in ruins; and that the greatest number of ruined Buddhist buildings, as well as the then preponderating numbers of Brāhmaṇical temples, lay in those parts of his route which had but lately passed from the Pallavas into the hands of the Viṣṇu-worshipping Chālukyas.

5. The identity of the Pallava style of architecture with that of Fah Hian's kingdom of the south is strikingly exemplified by the 'Great Rath' at Mahāmāllapuram, on the seashore about 35 miles from the Pallava capital, Kānchipuram, and apparently its commercial port. Mr. Fergusson has called this Buddhist monument "a literal copy" of the Pigeon Vihāra of Fah Hian's kingdom of the south; and he regards it and the other *raths* at that place as "the prototypes of the style" of Dravidian architecture, and "the originals from which all the Vimānas in Southern India were copied." Sir Walter Elliot, many years ago, connected these *raths* with the Pallavas; and Mr. Fergusson assigns them to the 5th or 6th century, "if not indeed earlier"—a date, especially when it is expressed in this tentative form, which brings their construction sufficiently near to Fah Hian's days to connect the "Great Rath" with his rock-cut monastery in point of time, as its form so remarkably does in point of architectural style.

6. While these considerations lead to the conclusion that the kings of the Pallavas were powerful, enlightened, and prosperous, the sources of their great prosperity are not far to seek. The central emporium of the whole of

<sup>3</sup> He places the monastery in Kiao-as-lo or Koma, the capital of which may have been about Vairagadh or Rihadak; thence he goes south 900 li to 'An-to-lo or Andhra, the capital of which he calls Ping-ki-lo, from which he proceeded southwards 1000 li to T'o-na-kia-tse-kia (Dhanakabeka) or Ta'-na-ta-lo (Mahl-Andhra), at the capital of which were two famous monasteries, the Pūrvaḍḍi-and

Avanḍi-saṅghārāma. Probably this was B jwāḍ. After another 1000 li to the south-west and south he came to Chu-li-ye, the capital of which Fergusson would place at Nellore on the coast, and Cunningham at Kacculi on the Tungabhadra. May it not be the Western Chālukya kingdom?—Ed.

the commerce between India and the Golden Chersonese and the regions to the further East, and so of every sea-board beyond India between China and the western world, was within their territory; and all the diamond mines then known to the world were also within their dominions, and had probably supplied every diamond which up to that time had ever adorned a diadem. The bulk of that commerce went southwards from that "*locus unde colunt in Chrysen navigantes*" in coasting vessels around Cape Kumāri to the ports of departure for the markets of the West on the western coast: but the lighter and most valuable articles, and especially the diamonds and other precious stones, would naturally find their way by the shorter land-route to those ports; and merchants laden with these precious commodities would need to be protected along the wild roads across the peninsula, and could well afford to pay for that protection Fah Hian's "certain sum of money to the king of the country."

For these reasons the conclusion seems to me to be irresistible that Fah Hian's 'kingdom called *Tha-then*' is the great kingdom of the Pallavas of Kānchi.

If this identification is well established, it will supply an important missing link in the history

of India between the times which are covered by the classical and the Buddhist relations, and by the evidence of coins, and the dawn of the unbroken period from the 5th century downwards which is covered by Sir Walter Elliot's Chālukya inscriptions; it will prepare the way for an investigation of the next earlier link in the chain, namely, the question of the origin of these kings of the Pallavas, which will probably fill in the remainder of the gap; it will account for the possibility of the splendid commerce of these parts up through the age of Ptolemy to the times of the *Periplus*, by showing the existence of a local government sufficiently powerful for its protection; it will also, I hope, contribute something towards the completion of Mr. Fergusson's almost perfect continuity of Buddhist architectural history from the *stupas* and *vihāras* of Gandhāra, through the *Stupa* of Amravati, the nine-storeyed Chaitya of the Diamond Sands, the Pigeon Monastery of Fah Hian, and the *Vihāra* Rath of Mahāmāllapura, down to the many-storeyed *vihāras* of Java, and the pyramidal *vimānas* and *Gopuras* of mediæval India; and it will help to restore an almost forgotten empire to its due place in the ancient history of India.

## FRAGMENTS RELATING TO ĀNANDAPURA IN SAURĀSHTRA.

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The Ānandapura of Hiuen Tshang is stated by that author to be 700 *li*, or about 135 miles, to the north-west of Valabhi. General Cunningham, in his *Ancient Geography of India* (p. 493), says that the town has been identified with Barnagar (Vaṇnagar in Gujarāt) by M. Vivien de Saint-Martin;<sup>1</sup> he, however, mentions that Vaṇnagar is 150 miles to the east of north, and he subsequently suggests that the kingdom of Ānandapura may correspond with the triangular tract lying between the mouth of the Banās river on the west, and the Sābarmati river on the east.

Now Ānandapura in Saurāshtra, or more correctly in the Deva-Panchāla,<sup>2</sup>

is about 64 miles to the north-west of Valabhi as the crow flies; but as the hilly country between Valabhi and Ānandapura, commencing near Gadhrā, was in former times not only covered with thick jungle, but also devoid of roads, it is not only possible, but probable, that a traveller would be obliged to make a *détour* of forty or fifty miles to reach that town, the territories subordinate to which, after making so long a *détour*, one might be apt to consider of greater extent than they really were. It is, therefore, just possible that the Ānandapura in the Panchāla is really the Ānandapura of the Chinese pilgrim. It is doubtless of very respectable antiquity, and

<sup>1</sup> Julien, *Mém. sur les Cont. Occid.* tom. II. p. 400. This was on the authority of Stevenson, *Kālpā Sūtra*, pp. 2, 15. Cunningham makes 6 *li* equal one mile, and so makes Ānandapura only 117 miles from Valabhi. *Conf. Archae-*

*logical Report on Kāthidold and Kochā*, pp. 84, 85, where it was suggested that the Ānandapura of Hiuen Tshang might be that still existing.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> The Deva-Panchāla is a subdivision of Saurāshtra.



has a fine temple, the founding of which is commonly attributed to Sidhrāj Jaysingh of Ānbilvādā, besides another older temple, now in ruins, which was sacred to a Nāga, or snake-deity. Three *kos* east of Ānandapura was a town called Dhokālvā, and east of this is a small hill called the Dhundhan town hill. Dhundhan is now waste, but its old site can be shown, and close to this spot the Bhādar river rises. At this place Dhandho Rākshasa is said to have been born; he afterwards went to Chobāri, the inhabitants of which village he devoured, and from this spot he devastated the neighbouring villages, devouring their inhabitants. So great were his ravages that he rendered the Panchāla desolate, and a vast forest sprang up there. Dhandho Rākshasa, was, however, at last slain by Rājā Risālu,\* reputed to be the eldest son of Gohil Sākābandhi Śālivāhana, king of Muṅgipur Pāṭan. Rājā Risālu is said to have gone to marry at Ujjain, but there being offended broke off the match and went to Dhokā; here he played a game of chess with the Rājā for the hand of his daughter Phulmatī, and winning married that lady and took her with him to the Panchāla, then suffering from the ravages of Dhandho Rākshasa. Here Risālu heard that the Rākshasa resided at Chobāri, and an old woman informed him that the Rākshasa every morning went to the Panch-Mukhi Wāv at Chobāri to bathe and pay his adorations to the Sun, and that at such times his body was turned into wax. She further added that if at that time some prince of royal blood would sever his head from his body he would certainly die, though otherwise he was impervious to mortal arms. The prince accordingly, next day, went to the wāv and smote off the head of the Rākshasa while occupied with his devotions to the Sun, and slew him. After this Risālu brought Phulmatī to Chobāri and reigned there. After some time a Wanjāro (Brinjārā) named Hāthio, leader of a caravan of 900,000 beasts of burden, came to Chobāri, and an improper intimacy sprang up between him and Phulmatī. Risālu, discovering this, slew Hāthio, and a large pile of stones (ચડ, *chay*) marks the spot between Chobāri and Ānandapura where he was buried. As far, however, as I can ascertain, Ānandapura was founded in Sāṁvat 1124 by

Chudāsamā Ānanda, after whom it was named. This, if true, would place its foundation subsequent to Hiwen Thsang's visit to Saurashtra. The following *kasīta* celebrates the founding of Ānandapura:—

### કવિત.

સંવત્ ૧૧૨૪, માસ ચતુ નરમલ;  
 વાર મોમ તથ શેઠ, નરવ સુવર્ત સકોમલ.  
 પાંચલ દેશ ઉત્તમ સ્થાન, નર નરંદ મદ પતીશ;  
 રચ્યો શેર જદુરાય, દુર આગંદ ઉત્ત પતીશ.  
 શેઠ વીર વંશ શ્વાદર શેઠા, કલાદ રાય કેદર કીયો;  
 અનેશ્વર કનકરે, રાજ આગંદ પર રચીયો.

"In Sāṁvat 1124, in the pure month of Āsu, On Tuesday the second day of the month in the delicate *nakshatra* of Suvānt, In that best place the land of Panchāla, the man, a king of men, the fort-lord, The Jādav Rāi founded the city, the umbrella-lord (founded) Ānandapura. Brave men of the thirty-six races standing by him, he imprisoned Rai Kawāt. Ānanti Rāi, son of Kanaka, founded the kingdom of Ānandapura."

And so the following *duho*:—

### દુહો.

શો અનેતે પાંચલમાં, નરપત શરીયું નામ;  
 રાજ આગંદ પર રચીયો, કરીયો શોમ કામ.

"That Ānanta in the Panchāla Assumed the title of 'Lord of men'; He founded the kingdom of Ānandapura, And in so doing performed a most excellent deed."

### દુહો ૨.

વંશ રૂપ મુવ જદુવંડી, નરપત રાણ નામ;  
 અનેશ્વર આગંદમે, ધયું શેરેશ્વર શામ.

"He, that Jādavabāi king of illustrious family, Who assumed the title of 'Lord of men,' Built a mighty temple To Antēśvara in Ānandapura."

So far for the founding of Ānandapura by Ānanda Chudāsamā, and according to this the large temple should be attributed to this Ānanda, and not to Sidhrāj who is reputed its founder. But the custom of attributing all works of archaeological interest in Gujarāt to Sidhrāj or Kumāra Pāla is too well known to need any comment from me. And though the date forbids

\* Query—Is this the Rājā Risālu of Cunningham (*vide his Ancient Geography*) in another form?



us to think that this can be the Ānandapura alluded to by Hiwen Thsang, it is just as likely as not that the date quoted in the *dhātā* is wrong, and it may be Śaivāt 624, which would place the founding of the city in 568 A.D. There is, however, one great objection to this, viz. that in A.D. 568 the Chudāsāmās had not, as far as our present knowledge extends, entered Saurāshtra. Other solutions of the difficulty are—that this Ānanda of the legend following is quite another person than the Ānanda mentioned in the two *dhātās*, and that the first Ānanda was a Yādava, and the second Ānanda, though a Yādava also, one of the Chudāsāmā branch. The following verses show that the second Ānanda imprisoned Rā Kawād of Junāgaḍh, and in vain desired him to perform obeisance. The four *dhātās* are evidently fragments of a longer poem, and the name Ānanda, as well as the imprisonment of Rā Kawād by a king of the name of Ānanda, corresponds to the famous story of the imprisonment of Rā Kawād on the Shīāl Bet by a Rāja of Kalyāṇa, and his release from bondage by Ugā Wāḷā. As, however, the first *kawāt* alludes to the imprisonment of Rā Kawād, I give them for what they are worth :—

### दुहो ३.

पाव हठ मे पीयो, हवे डुळे हाथ;  
जोर सपनो जाणीभो, कर मनरो कनाट.

"Thy feet are in the stocks,  
What avails it now to lay your hand on your  
moustache?  
Your strength is fully known :  
Make, O Kawāt, a humble salutation."

### दुहो ४.

कवाट बोल्यो कोपकर, हठ म कर राण;  
अनेल मुर डगे नही, माझ छंटे मेराण.

"Kawāt replied angrily :—  
'O Rājā, do not be obstinate ;  
Ānant ! the sun would not rise,  
And the ocean would abandon its bed (were  
I to act thus).'"

### दुहो ५.

कर मनरो कवाट, आखे राजा अनंत;  
परणापी बैसादे पाट, गट यापुं गरनार पण.

\* To twist or curl the moustache is considered among Rājputs as a gesture of defiance.

\* The word मजरी here means the three soldiers made by an inferior when saluting the Rāja in *kacharī*.

\* The nine divisions of Sorāṭh, *so-khanja-Sorāṭh*, are

" 'Kawāt, make your salutation,'

So Rāja Ānant directs :

'Having married you (to some one) I will  
restore you to your throne,  
I will establish you lord of Gīrnāgaḍh.' "

### दुहो ६.

रंने बैस्यो राह, केणीपर मजरो डर;  
लजे गट गरनार, नव खेरठ नीचुं हण.

"The Rā replied in a kingly manner,  
'How should I bow myself to you ?  
Gaḍh Gīrnār would be shamed,  
And the nine divisions\* of Sorāṭh would have  
to look down.' "

This Ānanda and his successors reigned at Ānandapura till Śaivāt 1820. It is said there were seven kings of this dynasty, of whom the last was Āmarasīṇha. After his time the Panchāla was deserted, owing first to the invasion of the emperor Muḥammad Toghlaḥ of Dehli, and afterwards to the incursions of the Sultāns of Gujarāt, and Ānandapura itself became waste. In Śaivāt 1664, however, a Chāraṇ named Budhasī, an inhabitant of a *nee*, or hamlet, in the adjoining hills, having lost his cattle in the forest which then covered the Panchāla country, wandered hither in search of them, and seeing the town wall, temple, tank, &c., on his return told the Kāṭhī chieftains, under whose protection he lived, of the fact of Ānandapura lying thus desolate. Those chieftains, viz. Khāchar Jethsur and Miājāl, who sprang from the Khāchar house of Chotilā, on hearing this, moved thither from their previous residence in the Thāngā' range and took possession of the place, and ruled there for twenty-seven years, and their descendants are now to be found at Anīlī, under Jasdan, and other places. Now Khāchar Mula Nāgājan of Sejakapura was the son of their maternal aunt, and was therefore cousin of the Ānandapura Khāchars Jethsur and Miājāl, and constantly used to go and stay with them at Ānandapura for ten and twenty days at a time. Now there was in the ruined gate of Ānandapur one stone in the archway which looked as if about to fall ; when the Khāchars Jethsur and Miājāl rode under this archway they used to put their horses to a gallop for fear lest this

constantly alluded to in both tradition and heroic poetry.

\* The Thāngā' range of hills is situated in the Panchāla to the south of the Rajkot-Wadhwan highroad. The range to the north of this road near Chotilā and Thān is called the Mādhava range.

stone should fall on them. Mulu Khāchar, perceiving their lack of courage, determined to seize Ānandapura, and accordingly attacked it at the head of five hundred horse. Fearing his prowess, Jethsur and Miājāl Khāchar fled away at night with their property, and Khāchar Mulu and his brother Lākho (sons of Nāgājan) took possession of Ānandapura in Sāhvāt 1691 on Sunday, on the second day of the light half of Paus̄h. The present tālukdārs of Ānandapura are descended from the above-mentioned Mulu. After this capture of Ānandapura its former proprietors went out in *bārvaṭiā* (outlawry) against Mulu Khāchar, and harassed the Ānandapura country. Afterwards Jhālā Khetojī of Kadai joined them, and Khetojī with the assistance of the Kāṭhis conquered Līm̄b̄ḍī from the Chuḍāsamās, but refused to give the Kāṭhis a half-share in the estate, as he had promised, and they consequently harassed and plundered the Līm̄b̄ḍī country. Finally in Sāhvāt 1072 Khetojī made peace with them by giving them the village of Jhobālā, after which they renewed their feud with Ānandapura. Khāchare Wājsur and Rāmā, however, who were the sons of Mulu, settled the feud by giving them some land at Dhārī, and after this they went and settled at Jhobālā, and their descendants are called Jhobālās to this day. After this, Khāchare Mulu and Lākho enjoyed the permanent possession of Ānandapura, although they usually resided at Sejakapura. It is said that 1800 horse were under their authority, and they were the principal chiefs in the Panchāla. Lākho was known by the name of Lākho Khandhār.<sup>9</sup> The brothers now became very formidable, and at last Jām Tamāchi of Navānagar, Rāj Jaswantsingh of Halwad, and Salābat Khān Bābi combined against them and laid siege to Ānandapura, but failed to take it. The following *rupak* is said regarding this achievement of the Kāṭhis:—

#### रूपक १.

तमज जाम राणो जसो ॥ सलाबतखान नेय ॥  
फोज धर देवके नके फावे ॥ नाळ गोळे पणे वडे बीवा नही ॥  
आपंद पर वण पत शाह आवे ॥  
हालहर हालहर वज काटी रुटी ॥ बीर बाबी बटक कटक  
बीजे ॥

<sup>9</sup> Khandhār means 'the commandant of many horsemen.'

<sup>10</sup> Poetical license for 'Tamāchi.'

<sup>11</sup> Poetical license for 'Jaswantsingh.'

<sup>12</sup> The Panchāla is called Devakā Panchāla.

<sup>13</sup> Jām Bāh, who gave his name to the division of the province called Bāh.

हे कपारे दरंग भमंगरा माहरा ॥ बीरबा गवा वनराज  
मांडी ॥

स बांधवे मुलवा एमल खण भखाडकाध ॥ भगडा कारण रण  
छवां मारे ॥

नगर हलवद धणी वस्त तुं नागरा ॥ हालीये आगरा धणी-  
हारे ॥

Jām Taman,<sup>10</sup> Rāpo Jaso,<sup>11</sup> and also Salābat Khān,

Led an army into Devakā,<sup>12</sup> but were unsuccessful;

Though they fought strenuously with cannon-balls they conquered not.

Even though these three kings came to Ānandapura,

Yet the obstinate Kāṭhi caused the descendant of Hālā<sup>13</sup> and the Jhālā offspring to turn back,

And together with them the irresistible army of the powerful Bābi.

Against your one impregnable fort, O descendant of Rāmā!<sup>14</sup>

The three kings erected their batteries and departed.

Two such good brethren as Mulu and Lākha, skilled in athletic exercises,

Would slay the enemy in the field of battle for the sake even of a deer.

The lords of Nagar and Halwad from your capital, O son of Nāga,

Turned away, as did also with them the lord of Āgrā.<sup>15</sup>

Mulu Khāchar extended his raids to the Chunwāl,<sup>16</sup> where he harassed Detroj, then held by the celebrated Kānji Bāt, and it is said that he exacted tribute from the forty-four villages of the Chunwāl; and the following *rupak* is said regarding his deeds there:—

#### रूपक २.

वढे रण ताल चाळ वेध रागा ॥ धरमाह पणा छत्र राज ॥  
मीया चेला कीया उलुवे ॥ चुडा सोपा कीया चुनाळ ॥  
इ देवोज तणी भर उपर ॥ हर रामे कीया छत्र होळ ॥  
साडी वेच हूद पर चीज ॥ संगदी वेच हूआ पर बोळ ॥  
नाग तणे सुटवीअ नरपत ॥ सरपत भसपत के सुह ॥  
वणजे घर भेर वाणीअ ॥ हाण परे मणीभार हूद ॥  
सपळा सीत कटक रण सीजद ॥ कान तणी घर वणी कीर ॥  
छडे बीया साठवे छत्र हर ॥ तेणे नेय बीया साठवे नही ॥

<sup>14</sup> This alludes to the Kāṭhi's ancestor Rāmā Khāchar.

<sup>15</sup> Alluding to Salābat Khān Bābi being an imperial servant.

<sup>16</sup> A district under Virangām, so named because it originally comprised forty-four villages.



"While fighting, the cymbals dashed on every side,  
And he dashed down the umbrellas of many kings of the earth.  
O Mulu, thou hast caused funeral shrouds<sup>17</sup> to be dear,  
But hast made *chudās*<sup>18</sup> (bracelets) to be cheap, in the Chunwāl.  
On that Detroj land the descendant of Rāmā caused the umbrellas to shake.  
They who sold scarfs (*sādis*) had ornaments in their houses,  
While they who sold bracelets (*bangdīs*) were overwhelmed with debt.  
O son of Nāga, thou hast diminished the number of the lords of men,  
And also, as they say, the lords of arrows and horses.<sup>19</sup>  
The houses of the Wāpiās<sup>20</sup> were filled with merchandize,  
While the houses of the Maniārs<sup>20</sup> were ruined.  
You slew the strong together with the army in the battle-field,  
In the country of Kāno you killed many;  
The wives of the enemy's soldiers buy *sādis*<sup>21</sup> only,  
But they do not purchase bracelets."

Hearing of Mulu's fame, a bard from Chitor composed the following *kaṇṭa* in his honour:—

### कवीत.

मझे भोज वीकम ॥ मजे जगदेव जीवरण ॥  
बल मजे राठोड ॥ मजे करण राजा दोहीडो ॥  
चंदन मजे परमार ॥ कंध जाली वृथी कहांणी ॥  
मजे तेवीश कोड ॥ मजे लाखो कुलाणी ॥  
पांचाल देश मुहु लपो ॥ वण दाता भयकार एणी ॥  
मंडलीक<sup>22</sup> पाडो एतामला ॥ तुमल ते नागा तथा ॥

"Bhoja and Vikrama may be found; Jagadeva, the preserver of life,  
Bal Rāthod may be met, and so can a second Karan;  
Chandan Parmar may be found, he may be met whose fame is spread over the world;

Thirty-three *krors* of gods may be seen; Lākho Phulāni may be seen;  
But thou, O Mulu, good lord of Panchāla, who art very charitable and invested with authority,  
If one meets you, O son of Nāga, then one has seen all those noble kings."

The following *duhas* are also in praise of Mulu:—

### दुहो १.

मया जमना गौमती, काशी पंथ कैदार;  
मुल दीडे मुहु राजरो, ए तीरथ ए उपकार.

"Ganga, Jamunā, and Gomti<sup>23</sup>; the pilgrimage to Kāśī and Kōdārnāth;  
But if you see the face of Rājā Mulu, that is the holy place, and thence you will derive advantage."

### दुहो २.

मुहु मानवीये, माणो मीडवीये नही;  
भरस भद्र तणे, तो नर खरो नागावन.

"Mulu is among men such a one that no man can be compared with him;  
Only in the form of Indra, there may you see the form of the son of Nāga."

### दुहो ३.

साडो सेजकपर तणी, रहो राफ झडे;  
सादी बलीयो वेह, मरस नाखे ने मुलवा.

"The anthill of Sejakapura remained safe;  
The *sādis*<sup>24</sup> returned, O Mulu, throwing away their flutes."

Mulu had a feud with the chief of Chudā, and defeated him with the loss of three guns, as described in the following *duke*:—

### दुहो.

राणारा पडीयांर्या, नव गाडी जण नाळ;  
भवीया संव भारे नही; मुहु तणे मुनाळ.

"There remained of the Rāpā  
But nine carts and three cannon;  
These three (cannon) cannot accompany him, Because Mulu has them."

The following *duke* is said in praise of Sejakapura:—

widows bought clothes, as they needs must, but, being widows, could not buy bracelets.

<sup>17</sup> The word *mandalika* is used here to signify a king.

<sup>18</sup> The Gomti is the river of Dvārka.

<sup>19</sup> Here there is a play on the word *eddi*. The couplet likens Mulu to a cobra residing in the anthill of Sejakapura. The word *eddi* means a snake-catcher, but also means 'enemy.' It probably refers to the siege of Ānandapura by the Jīm, the chief of Halwad, and Salābat Khān, mentioned above.

<sup>17</sup> *Chēlā*, *chēlā*, a funeral shroud.

<sup>18</sup> Widows break their *chudās* or bracelets and do not wear others, hence they would be sold cheap; while, for analogous reasons, shrouds would be dear.

<sup>19</sup> *i.e.* the bowmen and horsemen.

<sup>20</sup> The dealers in female apparel.

<sup>21</sup> *Maniārs* are workers in ivory, who make armlets, bracelets, &c.

<sup>22</sup> *Sādis* is a kind of muslin. The meaning is that the

## दुहो.

हीर चोरकी पनीभारीयां, गले मौतनकी माल;  
पोंछे जानु इंद्रापुरी, जहाँ मुलु नसे महाराज.

"The women who draw water have silken clothes,

And on their necks necklaces of pearls.  
King! Sejakapura is Indravati,  
Where the great king Mulu resides."

When, as above mentioned, Jām Tamāchi, Salābat Khān Bābi, and Jhālā Jaswantsinghji of Halwad attacked Ānandapura, Lākhā Khāchar of Shāhpur assisted his brother Mulu Khāchar, and the following *rupaka* is said in his praise :—

## रूपक.

पादरीया बाद न कीजे परजे ॥ वदवाइल सामवां वहे ॥  
हलवद वख्त ओझारा ॥ हँदल काहुं तो लखधीर कोहे ॥  
झाले खग उठीयो झाले ॥ हासवण दलतणा हसीर ॥  
मेच पलाइ भाणंदपरमांथी ॥ दुकां कटक वडे लखधीर ॥  
उठीयो ताँहां गीरणमज भोडे ॥ धजवडे हाथ युगलां धशे ॥  
बाबी खसे नही भतलीवल ॥ जसो खसे तेम जाम नाही ॥  
गात्रे नाल धुवके गोला ॥ खाँडे भरिदल धयीं खले ॥  
मणि बीजी वार माडीयो ॥ कोरव पाँडव तणी कले ॥

"The Pātriās (i.e. Jhālās of Pātri) should not fight with the Parjiās (i.e. Kāthīs). For their (the Kāthīs') army will advance to oppose them (the Jhālās).

If I lead an army of horsemen through Halwad you should call me Lakhdhir."<sup>25</sup>

Having seized his sword the Jhālā arose, the commander of the chiefs of the army ;

While the Lakhdhir, drawing up his army close, arose also,

To drive the Mlechhas from Ānandapura.

When he rose up, his arms reached the sky, and sword in hand he cut down the Moghuls.

Yet the Bābi, of immeasurable strength, would not move, nor would Jaso<sup>26</sup> or the Jām move either.

The cannons roared and the cannon-balls flew, and the sword made the army of the enemy as grain in the grainyard."

Rāmo Khāchar, son of Mulu Khāchar, succeeded his father in the Sejakapura and Ānandapura *girs* in Sāmvat 1730, A.D. 1674. The following *duho* is said in his praise :—

## दुहो.

जेवो नगर जाम ॥ राखे भजे रामदा ॥  
मेवो तुमुलतणा ॥ शेनक पर मनशाम ॥

"As the Jām holds Nagar  
By (the force of) his arm, O Rāmo,  
So you, son of Mulu,  
Are lord of the Kāthīs of Sejakapura."

Afterwards Rāmo Khāchar, at the request of the Chārāns of Tikar, expelled two brothers, Rādhō and Jago, sons of Unad, who oppressed the Chārāns. The following *duho* and *rupaka* refer to this exploit :—

## दुहो.

जो गाहर जातण तणी ॥ धाजं कान धरे ॥  
कावी कटक करे ॥ मुलरा टीकर मारवी ॥

"Then, O descendant of Joga,  
Gavest thine ear to the complaints of the mendicants ;  
You assembled an army of Kāthīs,  
O son of Mulu, to strike Tikar."

## रूपक.

रामा खाचरे देशाण रुडे ॥ तेज भरता जोड ॥  
पादर टीकर तणे वाजा ॥ जुजवा जोडे ॥  
मुलरारे धाम माडे ॥ कोरीमां चमराथ ॥  
तणा उनव गया कावी ॥ भाव पनी भारथ ॥  
भक्ष्य राधी जगी भाये ॥ केतां करमाल ॥  
फालीया वगमा कगता ॥ देवतारे राल ॥

"The fortunate Rāmā Khāchar is displeased, Who is a very haughty man. At the *pādar*<sup>27</sup> of Tikar he scattered the two (brethren).

The famous robbers came to oppose the son of Mulu.

The son of Unad, after fighting a battle like the Bhārata, fled away.

The invincible Rādhō and Jago had previously been called sword-wielders,

But now fled, turbanless, with dishonour, Riding their horses at full speed."

In the great famine of Sāmvat 1787 (A.D. 1731) Rāmo Khāchar distributed much grain to the poor, and the following *rupaka* is said in his honour :—

## रूपक.

धयीं नेह युको ॥ जद न मेयो पाँतरे ॥  
साधनरां आपवा सजे सामे ॥ सोर कर हाकीयो ॥  
धणी पांचालरे ॥ रोदना पाधरे खेत रामे ॥

<sup>25</sup> A play on the name of Lākhō.  
<sup>26</sup> Jaswantsinghji of Halwad.

<sup>27</sup> The *pādar* is the open space immediately round the village.



तेम सताहीवीजी तमुदुवणा ॥ बराकर भरा मज भांक बलीयो ॥  
मीटवी चारणे नणी दश मालना ॥ मालना धनी चोटील  
मलीयो ॥

संवहर सताही एणा नर छेतरा ॥ मीभण सारी जदी धान  
मागे ॥

नागहर नाग गेणाग भोडे नजर ॥ धोभीभा वरण अदार  
ठागे ॥

"Affection had left the world when the rain  
ceased to come;

Then in opposition he prepared to give good  
grain,

And thus shouting he drove it (the famine)  
away.

O Rāmo, lord of the Panchāla,  
Thoudrovestaway (the famine) straight through  
the fields.

Thus the son of Mula conquered the (famine of)  
Sainvat 1787<sup>20</sup>;

By giving food to large numbers you performed  
incalculable good in the world.

The Chārans thought of fleeing away to Mālwa,  
But in the lord of Chotilā<sup>21</sup> they found Mālwa.  
In Sainvat 1787 many men suffered misfortune;  
When the whole world was begging for food,  
The descendant of Nāga, like a Nāga, had a mind  
as lofty as the skies, and kept the eighteen  
castes in the Thāngās.<sup>22</sup>

Rāmā Khāchar was succeeded by his son  
Ebhal Khāchar, regarding whom the following  
verses are said :—

### एक.

लंक लागा जोर ॥ मरने लोमो ॥  
कलजग रात छणाणी केक ॥ वज्रमां भडक एणाने पेरो ॥  
एभल भडक न लायो एक ॥ शमत-जम वंको गद  
सजीयो ॥

काटी जाडा थाट कीया ॥ नमीभो नही बडो अणनमी ॥  
मेमुके रो एणा मीया ॥

हरपुल राज न छेले हीमन ॥ भवनी बालो न जाये भये ॥  
रामा नणी दकावी राखी ॥ साचर भरती तेज खने ॥

"A great dispute arose at the death of Lomā,<sup>23</sup>  
In the Kali Yuga different rumours were spread;  
Fear entered into the bodies of many,  
But Ebhal felt no fear:

Like Sāmat, who prepared his strong fort,  
He assembled a vast army of Kāthis;

<sup>20</sup> This probably is the famine of A.D. 1718 = S. 1774.

<sup>21</sup> So called because he was a Kāthi of the house of Chotilā.

<sup>22</sup> The Thāngā range of hills, of which the Chotilā hill is the highest.

He, the great hero, who never bowed to any  
one, did not bow now.

Many other chiefs, leaving their pride, fled  
away,

But the grandson of Mularāja did not lose his  
courage.

The fame of the brave is never forgotten;

You, Khāchar, son of Rāmo, supported the earth  
on your shoulder."

### दुहो.

तगरामा बानो नयी ॥ भरजू आफलने ॥

अणनम काटीये ॥ छो भाणद पर एभल ॥

"Thou, the son of Rāmā, art never wearied  
Of fighting with the enemy;  
An unbending Kāthi  
Art thou, O Ebhal of Ānandapura."

### दुहो.

ना रोजे रामा कया ॥ कोइ धो न झाले भीम ॥

भाणद पोर भरजीय ॥ छो अजराल एभल ॥

"Your powerful push,

O son of Rāmā, none can bear.

At the unconquered Ānandapura,

Thou, O Ebhal, in the flower of thy youth,  
residest."

Ebhal Khāchar was succeeded by his son  
Rāmā Khāchar, who had one hundred horse-  
men under him and was called Rāmā Melikar.<sup>24</sup>  
He used to ravage the surrounding country,  
but was once or twice defeated by Jasoji and  
Sartānji, two brave chiefs of Kotdā Sāngāni,  
who had also defeated other Kāthi raiders. Rāmā  
Khāchar, however, revenged himself on them  
by capturing the town of Sardhār<sup>25</sup> from  
them and the Rājkoṭ chieftain, and made it his  
capital, and thence contemplated the subjugation  
of Kotdā Sāngāni. Both Rājkoṭ and Kotdā  
now united against him and endeavoured to  
recover Sardhār, but in vain. They, however,  
gave him so much annoyance that eventually  
he agreed to surrender Sardhār to them on  
condition of being paid the *chaṭh* (or fourth part  
of the revenue). The Jāḍejās,<sup>26</sup> however,  
feeling insecure with so daring a neighbour,  
determined to crush him, and consequently,  
though they agreed to his terms and received

<sup>23</sup> Query—Is this the Lomā alluded to in *Rās Māh*,  
vol. I. pp. 455, 456?

<sup>24</sup> मलिकर, melikar, means 'a person in command of a  
large number of mounted men.'

<sup>25</sup> Sardhār was the joint property of Rājkoṭ and Kotdā.

<sup>26</sup> The Rājkoṭ and Kotdā chieftains are of the Jāḍejā clan.

possession of Sardhâr, they withheld the *chauth*. Afterwards, when Râma Khâchar had gone on a distant raid, they summoned the Jâm of Navânagar to their assistance, and making an unexpected attack on Ânandapura overpowered the garrison and plundered the town, demolishing the town wall and the towers. They also carried away the western gates of the town, and placed them in one of the Sardhâr gateways, where they are to this day. When Râma Khâchar on his return found Ânandapura thus desolate, he commenced a warfare with Sardhâr, and harassed the inhabitants by constant raids and forays until they agreed to pay him the *chauth*; on their agreeing to this, peace was concluded between them.

Râma Khâchar emulated his ancestors in plundering Halwad and Navânagar territory, as the following verses testify :—

### दुहा

हलवद तणे हमेश ॥ दणियो जणे देनी ॥  
नगर तणे नरेश ॥ राहो नरावर रामरा ॥

"The whole world knows that you are the enemy of Halwad;  
But you, O Râmdâ, lord of men, were equal also to Nagar."

### रूपक.

केता दलमे लही लोहील कावी ॥ जाडी दल भेला जमराण ॥  
जालावाड लीपी जालेडे ॥ हलवद तल केरो हमराण ॥  
पोनु बीये आजीयु पाटरीया ॥ हट वजारो पीयी हेकार ॥  
एभलरे वजरायल भायले ॥ धणु खाहु<sup>२६</sup> लीपी भरार ॥  
मकवाणा राणा चवी जुवे मेडीये ॥ वगावे जीवरा बहु राजा ॥  
हलवद तणे पीखे नागर ॥ राणीए नरखीयो राम राजा ॥

"O Kâthi, you have assembled numerous forces.  
And the Râpâ had also with him a mighty army.  
After causing Jhâlâwâr to shake, he (Râmdâ) conquered it,  
And rode his mounted bands through Halwad itself.  
The Pâtâias closed the gate against you, and confusion reigned in the shops and the bazâr.  
When the young and obstinate son of Ebhal openly drove away large herds.  
The Makwânâ Râpâ climbs to his upper story, and hears from thence

The music of victory loudly resounding.  
From the balcony of Halwad the descendant of Nâga was looked upon by the Râpâ—  
Râma Râja."

Râma Khâchar was succeeded by his son Visâman Khâchar, who rebuilt the town wall of Ânandapura. The following *rupaka* commemorates his fame :—

### रूपक.

आणंद पोर भुप कीयो महरंदर ॥ पर पर समत जोह घणा ।  
वसती गामे गाम वभारा ॥ तु तालेवंत रामा तथा ॥  
धण खाहु आंगण भरा हुले ॥ पैया शोधन जमे वगवार ॥  
कुली भरा सोवरणसे कुली ॥ ववटी हाटां वाव वजार ॥  
हर एभल भव वीठ जाही ॥ पावर पनी कर मरे पाट ॥  
गुणीजन भगा गीत गण गावे ॥ पावे रोज कचेरी पाट ॥  
वकीये करम तुमारो वीजाल ॥ पण दाता तप नेत्र घणे ॥  
नरोपन्द्र भुप तयो कर मनीले ॥ तुटीले मुलराज तणे ॥

"The king of Ânandapura has built a fort like Idar,

In every house there are brave men like Sâmat,

He has increased the population of every village.

Thou art fortunate, O son of Râmdâ.

Herds<sup>२६</sup> of cows and buffaloes and horses<sup>२७</sup> stand near your dwelling,

Innumerable guests dine on your good food,  
Your fertile land bears flowers of gold,

In the bazâr the shops on both sides look splendid.

The brave descendant of Ebhal (reigns) there mercifully,

The throne of the lord of Pâwar is fortunate,

The poets sing poetry and praises before you,  
Every day the *kacheri* is well attended.

Your good fortune, O Vishâl, has increased;  
You are most bountiful, though also of a fierce temper.

King of men, like Indra, may your fortune increase,

You prince of the race of Mula!"

The sons of Visâman are Jethsur, Desâ, Râmdâ, and Mesur, and they are at the present day the tâlukdârs of Ânandapura.

With our present scanty knowledge of the *Chudâsamâs* of Junâgadh it would be premature to pronounce with any certainty as

<sup>२६</sup> *खाहु*, *khodâh*, is a technical word for a herd of buffaloes only.

<sup>२६</sup> *धण*, *dhan*, means 'a herd of cows.'

<sup>२७</sup> *अशु*, *ashu*, 'a horse.'



to the dates assigned to Chudāsamā Ānanda, and it is of course possible that he may have founded Ānandapura on an old site of that name, but the probabilities seem to point out that this Ānandapura is too modern to have been the Ānandapura of the Chinese pilgrim and the author of the *Kalpa Sūtra*. The dates of the

Kāthi chieftains are no doubt correct within a few years, as they synchronize with contemporary history, and the above sketch may illustrate the roving, daring lives led by the Kāthi for successive generations in times when their hand was against every man, and every man's hand against them.

## SANSKRIT AND OLD CANARESE INSCRIPTIONS.

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(Continued from vol. VI., p. 142.)

### No. XXXIV.

I have had occasion to refer, at p. 72 of the previous volume, to the separation of the Western and Eastern branches of the Chālukya family. With the exception of Dr. Barnell's remarks at pp. 18-20 of his *South-Indian Palaeography*, no account of the Eastern branch seems to have been as yet published. The Elliot-facsimile collection contains several grants of this dynasty, and I have selected from them the present inscription, the first eighteen lines of which are given as Plate xxv. of Dr. Barnell's book. In preparing my transcription, I have also consulted the original plates.

The original consists of five plates, each about 7½" long by 3½" broad. The writing commences on the inside of the first plate, and ends on the inside of the fifth plate. The ring, on which they are strung, is about ¼" thick and 4½" in diameter. The seal is circular, about 2½" in diameter, and bears,—at the top, a bear, facing to the proper left, with the moon on its right, the sun above it, and an elephant-goad on its left; in the centre, the words 'Śrī-Tri-bhuvanaśaśa,' i.e. 'the elephant-goad of Śrī-Tribhuvana;' and at the bottom, an ornamental device. A comparison of the facsimile plates will show that the characters of this inscription are radically the same as those of the Kadamba and early Western Chālukya copper-plate grants and stone-tablet inscriptions that I have already published in this series, and that they approximate closely to the characters of the later Western Chālukya and Kādamba stone-tablet inscriptions. But, by the

time of the present inscription, the characters used by the Western and Eastern Chālukya dynasties had diverged enough for Dr. Barnell to decide that "there is no real connexion between them palaeographically, except so far as their common origin through the Cave-characters is in question." The chief points of distinction, as noted by him, are—1, the tendency of the Eastern alphabet to preserve archaic forms; 2, the greater freedom with which the Western alphabet uses cursive forms; and 3, the remarkably square and upright character of the Eastern alphabet, as contrasted with the slope given to the letters of the Western alphabet from about the sixth century A.D.

The present inscription is subsequent to the Śaka year 867 (A.D. 945-6), as it mentions that Amma II. succeeded to the throne in that year. It records a grant by a certain Vijayāditya; but it does not explain who this person was. However, Kollabhigaṇḍa-Vijayāditya was the grandfather of Amma II., and possibly the grant was made by him before his death, and was recorded in writing at the time of the accession of Amma II. Or, 'Vyayāditya' may be a second name assumed by Amma II. The grant is of the village of Paḍamkalūru, in the Pennātavāḍi district. I do not know to what part of the country these localities belong; nor have I any information as to where the plates were discovered.

A genealogy of the Eastern Chālukyas, with historical notes on them, will be furnished when more of their grants are ready for publication.

### Transcription.

#### First plate.

[1] Svasti	Śrīmatām	śakala-bhuvana-saṁstūyamāna-Mānava-sagōtrīṇām	Hārī-
[2] ti-putrīṇām	Kaṁḍiki-vara-prasāda-labdha-rājyānām	Mātri-gaṇa-paripālitanām	

- [<sup>3</sup>] Svāmi-Mahāsēna-pād-ānadhātānām bhagavan-Nārāyaṇa-prasāda-samāsādi-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] ta-vaṇa-vaṇi-ha-lā[mehha']n-ōkshaṇa-kehaṇa-vaṣikṛit-ārāti-maṇḍalānām-aśvamōdh-ā  
 [<sup>5</sup>] vabhṛita(tha)-snāna-pavitrikṛita-vapushām Chālukyānām kulam-alamkarishnōh Sa-  
 [<sup>6</sup>] tyāsma-Vallabhēndrasya bhrātā Kubja-Vishṇuvarddhanō shtādaśa varsha(rahā)pi Vemgi-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] [dō']śam-apālayat || Tad-ātmaṇō Jayasimhas=triṃśataṃ | Tad-anuj-Ēndrarāja-na-  
 [<sup>8</sup>] ndanō Vishṇuvarddhanō nava | Tat-sūnur-Mmaṇḍgi-yuvarājah pañcha-vimśatiṃ | Tat-putrō  
 [<sup>9</sup>] Jayasimhas=trayōdaśa | Tad-avarajah Kokkilish=shaṇ-māsān | Tasya jyēshthō bhrā-

*Second plate ; first side.*

- [<sup>10</sup>] tā Vishṇuvarddhanas=tam=nechātya sapta-triṃśataṃ | Tat-putrō Vijayāditya-bhaṭṭārakō  
 [<sup>11</sup>] shtādaśa | Tat-sutō Vishṇuvarddhanas=shat-triṃśataṃ | Tat-sutō Vijayāditya-narēndra-  
 [<sup>12</sup>] mrigarājō=ch=āshṭa-chatvāriṃśataṃ | Tat-sutah Kali-Vishṇuvarddhanō ddhy(dhy)-arōdha-  
 varsha(rahā)pi ||  
 [<sup>13</sup>] Tat-sutō Guṇagūṇka-Vijayādityas=chatuś-chatvāriṃśataṃ | Ta-  
 [<sup>14</sup>] d-anuja-yuvarājah(ja)-Vikramāditya-bhūpatēh sūnuś=Chālukya-  
 [<sup>15</sup>] Bhīma-bhūpālas=triṃśataṃ || Tat-putrah Kollabhigaṇḍa-Vijayā-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] dityah shaṇ-māsān | Tat-sō(nu')r-Amma-rājah sapta varsha(rahā)pi || Tat-sutam Vijayā-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] dityam bālam=nechātya Tālapō māsam-ōkaṃ | (||) Tam jivā yudhi Chālukya-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] Bhīma-bhūmipatēs=sutah Vikramāditya-bhūpō pān=ma(mā)sān-ōkādaśa kshitiṃ | (||)

*Second plate ; second side.*

- [<sup>19</sup>] Tatas=Tālapa-rājasya sūnos=sūnrita-vāk=prabhuḥ Yuddhamalla-dharādhi-  
 [<sup>20</sup>] śas=sapta varsha(rahā)yy=apād=bhuvan || Nirjity=Ārijuna-sannibhō janapadāt=ta(tam)  
 nirggama-  
 [<sup>21</sup>] yy=ōddhatān dāyādān=ina-bhānu-līna-bha-ḡaṇ-ākārān=vidhāy=ētarān | Va-  
 [<sup>22</sup>] jr=iv=ōrjita-nākam=Amma-nripatō(tōr)=bhrātā kapiyān=bhuvan Bhīmō Bhīma-parākra-  
 [<sup>23</sup>] mas=samabhūnak=sa(sam)vatsarān=dvā[da']śa || Tasya Mahāsēvara-mūrttēr=Umā-  
 [<sup>24</sup>] samān-ākṛitēh Kumār-ābhah Lōkamahādōvyāh khalu yas=sama-  
 [<sup>25</sup>] bhavad=Amma-rāj-ākhyah || Jalajātapaṭra-chāmara-kalāś-āmkuśa-lakshaṇ-ām-  
 [<sup>26</sup>] ka-kera-charaṇa-talah | lasad-ājanv-n(ā)lambita-bhūja-yuga-pari(ri)ghō girindra-  
 [<sup>27</sup>] sām-ōraskah || Vidita-dharādhipa-vidyō vividh-āyudha-kōvidō vilin-āri.

*Third plate ; first side.*

- [<sup>28</sup>] kulah | kari-turag-āgama-kuśalō Hara-charaṇ-āmabhōja-yugala-madhupah  
 [<sup>29</sup>] śrīmān || Kavi-gāyaka-kulpataru(rur)=dvija-muni-dīn-āndha-bandhujana-surabhīh  
 [<sup>30</sup>] yāchaka-jana-chintamanir=avanīśa-manir=mmah-ōgra-mahasā dyumanīh || '  
 [<sup>31</sup>] Giri-rasa-vasu-samkhy-ābdō Śaka-samayē Mārggaśiraha-māsē smin  
 [<sup>32</sup>] kṛishṇa-trayōdaśa-dinē Bhṛiguvārē Maitra-nakshatrē || Dhanushi ravan gba-  
 [<sup>33</sup>] ta-lagnō dvādaśa-varshā(rahō) tu janmanah patam(tam) | yō dhād=udaya-giri-  
 [<sup>34</sup>] ndrō(ndrē) ravir=iva lōk-ānurāgāya || Yasmin śāsati nripō(pa)tan paripakv-ānēka-  
 [<sup>35</sup>] sasya-sampach-chhālīh | satata-pyōdhēnur=abhīr=nnirītir=aparuj(g)=nirasta-chō-  
 [<sup>36</sup>] rō dōśah || Yō rūpēṇa Manōjam vibhavēna Mahēndram=ahimakaram=uru

*Third plate ; second side.*

- [<sup>37</sup>] mahasā | Haram=ari-pura-ha[na']nēna nyakkurvā(rvva)n=bhāti vidita-dig-avani-rkī(kī)tiḥ-  
 (rtiḥ ||)  
 [<sup>38</sup>] Sa samasta-bhuvan-āśraya-Śrī-Vijayāditya-mahārāj-ādhirājā(jah)  
 [<sup>39</sup>] param-āśvarah parama-bhaṭṭārakah parama-brahmanyah Pennātavāḍi-viśha-  
 [<sup>40</sup>] ya-nivāsīnō Rāshṭrakūta-pramokhān kuṭumbinas=sarvvān=ā-  
 [<sup>41</sup>] hūy=ōttham=ājñāpayati || Viditam=astu vah || Jagati prathi-

<sup>1</sup> The *Amuvēra* and the following letter, —*chā*, —are omitted altogether in the original.

<sup>2</sup> This letter, —*di*, —also, is omitted in the original.

<sup>3</sup> This letter, —*nu*, —again, is omitted in the original.

<sup>4</sup> This letter, —*da*, —again, is omitted in the original.

<sup>5</sup> This mark of punctuation is omitted in the original.

<sup>6</sup> This letter, —*sa*, —is omitted in the original.

<sup>7</sup> This mark of punctuation is not in the original.



COPPER-PLATE OF THE EASTERN CHÂLUKYA DYNASTY.

DATED ABOUT ŚAKA 867.

IV b.

ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ॥ १ ॥  
 श्रीकृष्णाय नमः ॥ २ ॥  
 श्रीगुरुभ्यो नमः ॥ ३ ॥  
 श्रीगणेशाय नमः ॥ ४ ॥  
 श्रीविष्णवे नमः ॥ ५ ॥  
 श्रीशिवाय नमः ॥ ६ ॥  
 श्रीब्रह्माय नमः ॥ ७ ॥  
 श्रीमहादेवाय नमः ॥ ८ ॥  
 श्रीनारायणाय नमः ॥ ९ ॥  
 श्रीरामाय नमः ॥ १० ॥  
 श्रीकृष्णाय नमः ॥ ११ ॥  
 श्रीगुरुभ्यो नमः ॥ १२ ॥  
 श्रीगणेशाय नमः ॥ १३ ॥  
 श्रीविष्णवे नमः ॥ १४ ॥  
 श्रीशिवाय नमः ॥ १५ ॥  
 श्रीब्रह्माय नमः ॥ १६ ॥  
 श्रीमहादेवाय नमः ॥ १७ ॥  
 श्रीनारायणाय नमः ॥ १८ ॥  
 श्रीरामाय नमः ॥ १९ ॥  
 श्रीकृष्णाय नमः ॥ २० ॥

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- [<sup>28</sup>] tan=dharāmarāṅgān charaṇaṁ Vājasaneyam=asti bhūyaḥ | śru-  
 [<sup>29</sup>] ti-chôdita-dharmma-yuktaṁ vara-yôgîśvara-Yājñavalkya-grīhyam || Tatṛ=ābhava-  
 [<sup>30</sup>] d=Bharadvāja-gôtraḥ pūtraṁ=divij-ôttamaḥ | Kalvatorru-nivāstavyô nāmaḥ Pā-  
 [<sup>31</sup>] Hyapeddiyaḥ || Tasy=āpi Gaṇḍesārma=śait-sūnur=ūnētarah prabhuh |

*Fourth plate : first side.*

- [<sup>32</sup>] guṇi ghṛiṇi dhani dāni māni mānava-pūjitaḥ || Tasy=ābhavat=Paṇḍi-  
 [<sup>33</sup>] ya-nūmadhēyas=satām vidhēyô nūta-rūpa-dhēyaḥ | putrô yam-atra-  
 [<sup>34</sup>] sta-manāḥ pavitraḥ=trayī samāchāra-vichāra-nishṭhaḥ || Tasmai madhya-  
 [<sup>35</sup>] pād-ārādhana-tatpariṇya brahmachāriṇē kārppatikāya bha-  
 [<sup>36</sup>] vad-vishayē Puṇamkalūru-nāmā grāmas=sarv-ākāra-parihāra-  
 [<sup>37</sup>] m=agrābhārikṛitya sōma-grahāṇa-nimittam=asmābhir-ddattas=tat-kappa(rppa)ta-rimô-  
 [<sup>38</sup>] kshāṇam=uddiśy=ēti || Tasy=āvadhaṇyaḥ [ | ] Pūrvā(rva)taḥ Marupaḍavaṁ tasya śi-  
 [<sup>39</sup>] m=aiva simā || Dakṣha(kah)ṇataḥ Enḍalūru tasya sim=aiva simā || Paśchima-

*Fourth plate : second side.*

- [<sup>40</sup>] taḥ Kāṇḍrū(?pūtrū)ru tasya sim=aiva simā || Uttarataḥ Alapūrah Drinḥama-  
 [<sup>41</sup>] pūṇḍi(?pūti)ś=cha || Īśānataḥ Nandigāmaḥ śtad-grāma-sim=aiv=āya simā || A-  
 [<sup>42</sup>] sy=ōpari na kēnachid=bādha kartavyā yaḥ karōti sa pañcha-mahāpāta-  
 [<sup>43</sup>] ka-samyuktô bhavati [ | ] Tathā ch=ôktaṁ bhagavata(tā) Vyāsena || Bahu-  
 [<sup>44</sup>] bhir=vvnsudhā dattā bahū(bhi-')ś=ch=ānupālitaḥ yasya yasya ya-  
 [<sup>45</sup>] dā bhūmis=tasya tasya tadā phalam || Śva-dattām para-dattām vā yô ha-  
 [<sup>46</sup>] rēta vasundharām shashti-varaha-sahasrāṇi vishṭāyā(yām) jāyatē krīmīḥ ||  
 [<sup>47</sup>] Anyēn=āpy=uktaṁ || Dīnam bhuvô napālannam=ity=ubhayan-dharmma-sādha-

*Fifth plate.*

- [<sup>48</sup>] nam prôktam=iha rāgād=dadāti sarvas=tasmād=ānupālannam=maḥiyô  
 [<sup>49</sup>] dānāt || A(ā)jñaptiḥ Katakārājah || Kāvya(vyam) Ma(mā)dhavabhaṭṭa(tā)ya || Jô-  
 [<sup>50</sup>] ntāchūrya(ryyô)ṇa likhitaṁ ||

*Translation.*

Haṣi! Kubja-Vishṇuvardhana,—the brother of Satyâśraya-Vallabhêndra, who adorned the family of the Châlukya, who are glorious; who are of the lineage of Mânava, which is praised over the whole earth; who are the descendants of Hârîti; who have acquired sovereignty through the excellent favour of Kauśiki<sup>1</sup>; who have been cherished by the assemblage of (divine) mothers; who meditate on the feet of Svāmi-Mahâsēna; who have the territories of their enemies made subject to them on the instant at the sight of the excellent sign of the Boar, which they acquired through the favour of the holy Nârāyaṇa; and whose bodies are purified by ablutions performed after celebrating horse-sacrifices,—ruled over the country of Veṅgī for eighteen years.

His son, Jayasimha, (ruled) for thirty (years).

Vishṇuvardhana, — the son of his younger brother, king Indra, — (ruled) for nine (years).

His son, the Yasarāja Maṅgi, (ruled) for twenty-five (years).

His son, Jayasimha, (ruled) for thirteen (years).

His younger brother, Kokkili, (ruled) for six months.

His elder brother, Vishṇuvardhana, having expelled him, (ruled) for thirty-seven (years).

His son, Vijayāditya, the venerable one (ruled) for eighteen (years).

His son, Vishṇuvardhana, (ruled) for thirty-six (years).

And his son, Vijayāditya, who was a very lion of a king, (ruled) for forty-eight (years).

His son, Kali-Vishṇuvardhana<sup>2</sup>, (ruled) for one and a half years.

<sup>1</sup> This mark of punctuation, also, is not in the original.

<sup>2</sup> This mark of punctuation, again, is not in the original.

<sup>3</sup> This latter, — *bat*, — is omitted in the original.

<sup>4</sup> *Dergā, Pārati.*

<sup>1</sup> In verse 9 of the grant of Govinda III., Rāthor, published by Dr. Bühler at pp. 59 et seq. of this volume, a similar title, 'Kali-Vallabha,' is explained to mean 'the beloved of the Kaliyuga.' But, in the southern inscrip-

His son, Guṇagāṅka-Vijayāditya, (ruled) for forty-four (years).

The king, Chālukya-Bhīma,—the son of his younger brother, the Yuvardja, Vikramāditya, (ruled) for thirty (years).

His son, Kollabhiṅga-Vijayāditya, (ruled) for six months.

His son, king Amma, (ruled) for seven years.

Having expelled his son Vijayāditya, (while he was) a child,—Tālapa (ruled) for one month.

Having conquered him in battle,—king Vikramāditya, the son of the king Chālukya Bhīma, ruled the earth for eleven months.

Then king Yuddhamalla,—the son of king Tālapa; the lord, whose speech was pleasing yet truthful,—ruled the earth for seven years.

Having conquered him, and having driven him out from the country, and having made the other claimants to assume the appearance of stars absorbed in the rays of the sun,—the younger brother of king Amma, (viz.) Bhīma, who was like Arjuna, and who was possessed of terrible prowess, ruled the earth for twelve years, just as the wielder of the thunderbolts (rules) the mighty (expanse of the) sky.

To him, who was like Mahāśvara<sup>13</sup>, from Lōkamahādēvi, who was like Umā<sup>14</sup>, there was born king Amma, who was like Kumāra.<sup>15</sup> The palms of his hands, and the soles of his feet, were marked with lotus-leaves and chowris and water-jars and elephant-goats<sup>16</sup>; his arms, which were as (strong and massive as) iron door-bars, were charming, and hung down as far as his knees; and his chest was as (broad as) a table-land of the king of mountains.<sup>17</sup> He acquired the learning of kings, and was skilled in the use of various weapons; he destroyed the families of his enemies; he was versed in the treatises (relating to the management) of elephants and horses; he was a bee at the lotuses which are the feet of Hara<sup>18</sup>, and he was

glorious. He was a very tree of paradise to poets and minstrels; he was a very cow of plenty to the twice-born and holy men and the poor and the blind and his relations; he was a very philosopher's stone to those who begged of him; he was a very jewel of a king, and a very sun by reason of his fierce brilliance. Like the sun on the mountain of dawn, to the delight of mankind, he assumed the crown in the twelfth year of his birth, in the year that had the enumeration of the (seven) mountains and the (six) flavours and the (eight kinds of demigod called) Vasa, in the Śaka era<sup>19</sup>, in the month Mārgaśīrṣa, on the thirteenth day of the dark fortnight, on Friday, under the constellation Maitra, under the zodiacal sign of the bow, while the sun was in the sign of the watering-pot. While he was reigning, the country abounded in many ripened grains and rice, and had cows that were always yielding milk, and was free from fear and free from drought and free from sickness, and had all thieves banished. Putting the Mind-born<sup>20</sup> to shame with his beauty, and Mahēndra<sup>21</sup> with his power, and the hot-rayed (sun) with his great splendour, and Hara by the destruction of the cities of his foe,—he is resplendent, having his fame recognized over the quarters of the regions and over the earth.

He, Śrī-Vijayāditya,—the asylum of the universe, the great king, the supreme king, the supreme lord, the most venerable, the worshipper of Brahma as the supreme God,—having called together the householders, headed by the Rāshtrakūṭas, who inhabit the district of Pennātavāḍi, thus issues his commands :—

"Be it known to you! The Vājasaneyā charaṇa<sup>22</sup> of Brāhmaṇas,—full of religion that is inculcated by the sacred texts, and following the domestic ritual of Yājñavalkya, the excellent chief of ascetics,—is renowned in the world. In it there was Pāliya-pēḍiḍya, of the Bharadvāja gōtra, a worthy man, the best of Brāhmaṇas, an inhabitant of (the village of) Kalvatorru

tions, the word *kālī*, when used in this way, is undoubtedly the Canarvas *kālī*, 'a valiant man, a hero; brave, courageous,' and it has that meaning here. Conf. '*kālī Śenabādhya*,' 'the brave king Śena,' in l. 39 of No. IV. of my Batta inscriptions (*Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.*, No. xxix., vol. X., p. 212). It has the same meaning in '*Kālī-Vikrama*,' one of the names of Vikramāditya-Tribhuvanamalla.

<sup>13</sup> Śiva.

<sup>14</sup> Pārvatī.

<sup>15</sup> Kārttikēya, the son of Śiva and Pārvatī.

<sup>16</sup> These are held to be auspicious marks.

<sup>17</sup> Himālaya.

<sup>18</sup> Śiva.

<sup>19</sup> i.e. in the Śaka year 867.

<sup>20</sup> Kāmadēva.

<sup>21</sup> Indra.

<sup>22</sup> Charaṇa,—sect, school, branch of the Vedas.



And his son was Guṇḍasārmā, the perfect one, the powerful one,—virtuous, and compassionate, and wealthy, and liberal, and highly honoured, and worshipped by men. His son was Paṇḍiya,—worthy to be prescribed (as an example) for good people, possessing a personal appearance that was commended, having an undisturbed mind, pure, versed in the three (*Vēdas*), and resolute in investigating proper behaviour. To him, the religious student, the pilgrim, who has devoted himself to conciliating my feet, the village named Paḍamkalūru, in your district, has been given by us, on the occasion of an eclipse of the moon, as an *Agrāhāra* grant, with relinquishment of all dues,<sup>22</sup> in order to free him from (the necessity of continuing) his pilgrimages. The boundaries of it are:—On the East, (there is) (the village of) (?) Maṇupaḍuva; the boundary of this is the boundary. On the South, (there is) the village of Eṇḍalūru; the boundary of this is the boundary. On the West, (there is) the village of Kāṇḍrūru; the boundary of

this is the boundary. On the North, (there are) the village of Ālapāru and (the village of) Driṇṭhamapūḍi. On the North-east, (there is) the village of Nandigāma; the boundary of this village is the boundary of it. No molestation is to be offered to this (grant); he, who offers it, becomes guilty of the five great sins! And so it has been said by the holy Vyāsa:—'Land has been given by many, and has been preserved (in grant) by many; he, who for the time being possesses land, enjoys the benefit of it! He is born for the duration of sixty thousand years as a worm in ordure, who appropriates land that has been given, whether by himself or by another! A gift of land, and the preservation (of a grant of land),—both of these are said to be the means of performing religious duty; as to this matter,—everyone gives from pleasure; therefore preservation is more worthy than giving!' The specification is Katakārāja.<sup>24</sup> The poetry is the composition of Mādhavabhāṭṭa. It has been written by Jōntāchārya."

#### NOTICE OF A REMARKABLE HYPÆTHERAL TEMPLE IN THE HILL TRACTS OF ORISSA; WITH REMARKS ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANCIENT SITES.

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In the month of October 1853 I received a letter from my friend Colonel Campbell, C.B.,<sup>1</sup> Agent for the Suppression of Human Sacrifices, and Female Infanticide in Orissa, who had not long before returned to Russel Konda from his annual tour through the Khond Mālias, enclosing a very rough sketch of a singular temple he had met with, some months before. It exhibits an open circular temple or enclosure of plain cut stone exteriorly, the interior of the wall occupied by niches, each containing a statue or figure, which the Colonel described as "goddesses," but of which no exact representation or description had been preserved. In the centre, fronting the single doorway, is a shrine, or *maṇḍapa*, covering a slab, on which is carved in relief a sitting figure, with the right foot on an elephant, the left on a bullock; but

whether Colonel Campbell meant *over*, or actually resting on the animals, I cannot say. The figure appeared to have three faces, in the right hand a sceptre (?), in the left a lotus, but from the imperfection of the sketch it is impossible to speak with any certainty on all the minutiae of detail. Regarding the niches round the inside of the wall, all that can be said is, that they were ranged side by side, and amounted to some sixty or seventy in number: of these the Colonel wrote, "I am not sure whether there was any ornamental work over these figures, or whether they were seated or standing."

The following is the extract I got from Colonel Campbell's journal, when I met him at a subsequent period, which contains all the information he was able to furnish:—

"[Wantarla], 28th January 1853. Went to see

<sup>22</sup> *Āhāra*, in this sense, is a Canarese corruption of a Sanskrit word.

<sup>24</sup> *Ājāptā Katakārāja*: l. 48. Either Katakārāja may be a proper name, of some noble or official; or it may mean 'the king of (the country of) Kataka' (Cuttack); or it may mean 'the king (i.e. governor) of the city.' In the last case, the expression here used may be compared with *Ata-Ājāptārdhargapati-Ājāyārāja śharākarā*, in ll. 14-16, Pl. II., a, of l. 1. (? Chalukya) grant *Jour. Bo. Br.*

*R. As. Soc.*, Vol. I., No. XII., p. 348. The expression is one of not quite certain meaning. Conf. the amended reading (noted in the Errata to Vol. V.) of ll. 10-11 of No. XVIII., of this Series (Vol. V., p. 175).—*Tatr-Ājāptā Kulaṭu(ru)ra-bhājaka*, and the appended footnote to the translation of the same. Conf. also, No. XXI., ll. 12-13, ante, p. 24).—*Tatr-Ājāptā Dīmākrīti-bhājaka Jipantā=ch-Āyāṭakāṭa sarasay-śarāhādā itā*.

<sup>1</sup> Now Major-General Sir John Campbell, K.C.B.I.



the temple of (.....) near *Surādā*; there and back 22 miles. About 120 temples of from fifteen to forty feet high, built on an extensive flat (area of) rock; all of cut stone, without cement. (Among them is) a circular wall (or enclosure) seventy yards round and twelve feet high, (also) of cut stone, with sixty-five or sixty-nine niches inside, containing (figures of about) sixty goddesses, and in the centre a square open place (or shrine) with a remarkable figure tolerably carved, as were all. Many of these figures were unknown to my people. There was also a large temple of bricks (or brick work constructed) without cement, and rapidly going to decay, as were the stone temples (also, many of which were) tumbling down.\*

"It was a most interesting sight. The tradition is that these were built by (a people called) the—, who were driven out by the Khonds. The country has all the appearance of having been at one time prosperous and highly cultivated. On the large temple there is some writing, (apparently) in the *Dēvanāgarī* character." The next entry in the journal is "*Saturday, 29th January.—Tirtalgarh,*" where there is another strange temple."

Although the foregoing description is somewhat loose and vague, it indicates unmistakably the existence of remains possessing no common interest. We must remember that it was the result of a hasty visit by an officer engaged in very harassing and important duties in an unhealthy country, that no notes were made at the moment on the spot, and that the details are given from subsequent recollection.

The place is again described in a narrative printed for private circulation in 1861, in terms differing little from the foregoing, but which enable us to fix the site with more exactness.<sup>4</sup> Leaving Goderi, in the Chinna Kimedi Zamindāri, to the west of Barhampur, on the 12th of

January 1853, Colonel Campbell marched to Bissām Katāka, in the Jejur Zamindāri, from which he entered the Kālāhāndi or Khāronḍ Zamindāri, the capital of which is Junāgaḍh. North of Kālāhāndi is the Pātan or Patāna Zamindāri, into which he had passed when he discovered the temples on the 28th of January, and from which he then proceeded to (Madanpur), a district tributary to Kālāhāndi. All of these places are shown in Walker's large Map of India, published by Allen in 1871, except Bissām Katāka, which appears, however, in the very defective sheet (as regards the hill tracts) of the Great Trigonometrical Survey 4-inch scale sheet No. 107. It may therefore be assumed that the proximate position of the ruins is a little to the north of lat. 20°, and about long. 83°.

One of the most obvious reflections suggested by these remains is the indication they afford of the existence at an early period, in tracts now overrun with unhealthy jungle, of a high state of civilization, of the origin and decay of which no account, nor even reliable tradition, survives. Nor is this a singular instance. Colonel Dalton describes the conquest of Chntiā Nāgpur by an invasion of the Kōls and Hōs, people living under a republican confederation of tribes like the Kurumbars of Southern India, at a period so distant that it is impossible to assign even an approximate date, but probably more than 2000 years ago. According to their own tradition, they displaced a still earlier race, vaguely called Jains and Bhūyāhs (= *autochthones*),<sup>5</sup> who appear to have made a considerable advance in the arts; for Mr. Vincent Ball, of the Geological Survey, in another paper describing the remains of extensive metallurgical operations, as well as remains of tanks, in Singbhum, found them attributed by tradition to an extinct race called *Saraka*, who

\* I have supplied the words within brackets.—W. E.

<sup>4</sup> Probably Tirtalgarh.

<sup>5</sup> Narrative by Major-Gen. John Campbell, C.B., of his Operations in the Hill Tracts of Orissa, &c., &c., printed for private circulation, (London, Hurst and Blackett, 1861), where at page 167 he writes as follows:—

"At some distance from a village called *Surādā* may be seen a remarkable collection of pagodas, which I visited, and counted one hundred and twenty of various dimensions. They were built of cut stone, without cement, and most of them are in a state of dilapidation. On the largest temple is some writing in the "*Dēvanāgarī*" character, but now illegible. In the centre of this group of pagodas was a circle two hundred and ten feet in circumference, surrounded by a wall of cut stone twelve feet high, with sixty-five niches on the inner side,

containing sixty figures of goddesses in a variety of attitudes, and in the centre of the circle, placed upon a raised platform, sat a remarkable figure, tolerably carved, as were also the others, in stone. Few of these deities were recognized by my people, though among them were two Brāhmanas. The tradition here is, that these temples were built by magicians; and the guide, who pointed out the way, would not go within two miles of them. Even my own people were rather uneasy. The conclusion that I came to was, that this part of the country must have been occupied by a race of Hindus of whom there is now no trace. It is now thinly inhabited by a comparatively civilized people who call themselves Khonds, though they do not speak their dialect. Their language and dress are Ooryah (*Uriya*), and they are very industrious."

<sup>5</sup> Jour. As. Soc. Beng. vol. XXXV. pt. 2. p. 164.



had been governed by a Rāja with two tongues [*do-jībī*], which Col. Dalton explained to signify that the potentate to which it alludes must have been a Nāg, or one of the serpent race.<sup>3</sup> These and similar tales point to a time when Dasyus, Rākshasas, Pāśāchis,—monkeys, as they are contemptuously designated,—were the ruling occupants of the land, every trace of whom it is the business of the archæologist to collect and preserve.

One of the most useful functions of the *Indian Antiquary* is the preservation of casual notices of objects of interest which may serve to stimulate a more complete examination of them by those who have time and opportunity for the task. Curious and often extensive remains are found in many parts of India, an exact topographical description of which would help greatly to the identification of names and places still a puzzle to the archæologist and geographer.

The late Dr. John Wilson, when President of the Bombay Branch Royal Asiatic Society, read a memoir on the Cave Temples and other ancient remains of Western India, in 1850,<sup>4</sup> in which he dwelt strongly on the importance of investigations of this description. Among other desiderata he called special attention to "the inspection of the sites of ancient towns in all parts of the country, and to the vigorous prosecution of research connected with their ruins, and relics, their wells and tanks, and even of their foundations."<sup>5</sup>

I can bear witness to the value of these suggestions from my own experience. Some years ago I published an inscription on copper,<sup>6</sup> relating to the little-known dynasty of the Pallavas, whose capital was stated to be Vengipūram, the name and site of which were till then unknown. After much inquiry, I pitched on a place in the Masulipatam district,

which, accepted as correct by General Cunningham,<sup>10</sup> has been considered open to question elsewhere. Subsequently I had an opportunity of examining the place in person, and satisfied myself that my first surmise was right. I found a parallelogram of considerable extent enclosed by lofty mounds within which were many ruins and the *débris* of ancient temples, &c. I regretted not being able to procure a regular plan and survey, but time and other avocations did not permit.

South of this spot on the banks of the Kṛishṇa is Dhāranikōṭa, close to the recent town of Amrāvati. It is probably the ancient capital of the Andhra kings. The remains are extensive, and a survey and topographical description of them is greatly to be desired.

In Ganjam a remarkable site is found in the Pāḥekondah Talukā near the rock inscribed with another of Aśoka's celebrated edicts. It is called Jogāḍh. The grass-grown walls were of great height, and coins of a peculiar character are found in and around it. It would well repay careful examination.

I could name many other spots of historical interest of which little more is known than the name. Such are the old Chola capital of Gangondaram, in South Ārkāt; Talakāḍa, a seat of the Chēras in Maisur, now half buried in the sand; Ratnapur, in the Raipur division of the Central Provinces, where are extensive ruins; Korkei, an early Pāṇḍya city, where Bishop Caldwell has lately been making excavations<sup>11</sup>; &c. &c., of all of which, and of many more that could be named, accurate plans illustrated by sketches and descriptive details would be very valuable. But my object now is only to draw the attention of readers of the *Antiquary* to objects, within the reach of many of them, possessing surpassing interest.

## ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

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### No. XVI.—Chivalry in Lower India.

Europeans are apt to imagine that few races are more devoid of the spirit of knight-errantry and chivalrous daring and courtesy than the Hindus, and that the feudal ideas of allegiance

and devotion are alien to their genius. Yet the knightly and noble customs and demeanour of the Rājputs, so picturesquely related by Colonel Tod, may be ranked with anything told

<sup>3</sup> *Proc. As. Soc. Bemp.* 1869, pp. 171-2.

<sup>4</sup> *Jour. B. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. III. pt. II. pp. 36-107.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* p. 101. <sup>6</sup> *Mod. Jour. Lit. & Sc.* vol. XI. p. 304.

<sup>10</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. II. p. 153, vol. V. p. 56.

<sup>11</sup> *Geography of India*, p. 516.

<sup>12</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 50.—Ed.

in the chronicles of romance; and even down in the far South, amid nations of Drāviḍian descent, there are stories popularly current of champions and exploits which Don Quixote would have put on the same shelf with the deeds of Amadis and Palmerin. Some instances selected from the collection of *Oriental Historical Manuscripts*, edited by the Rev. W. Taylor, may not be uninteresting, or unbecoming the *Indian Antiquary*.

Told still under village trees and at festival gatherings is the story of king Viśvanātha, who ruled over the broad regions of Pāṇḍya-land from Ārkāt down to Travankor. His birth was not, of course, like the births of common men. In mediæval romance some fairy lady or enchanted princess would have been his mother, but in the East the tale goes that his father, Nāgama, whom Don Quixote would have called the Knight of the Serpent, was a great warrior and leader of armies, and, after being long childless, vowed to go in pilgrim guise to Kāśī, and try whether penitence and devotion would win his patron saint or god to grant him a son. So there he went, and after forty days of abstinence and prayer by the sacred stream the god vouchsafed a sign of acceptance, for, whilst bathing, his foot struck against a stone that proved to be an emerald *liṅgam*, and in a dream it was conveyed to him that if he returned home he should have a child. So in due time a boy was born, whom he named Viśvanātha, as a gift from the god, and who, when he was sixteen, surpassed all his peers in beauty, accomplishments, and skill in all weapons. Afterwards, when he came to the throne, he made his capital city, Mādura, a moated and walled town, building a mighty rampart round it with circular bastions at intervals, seventy-two in all. Each bastion, with its adjoining wall, he gave in charge to one of his chiefs to hold, defend, and keep in repair; and, on the further condition of their raising and keeping always ready a contingent of troops for his service in time of need, he gave withal extensive districts to the chiefs in fief-liege. This was the origin of the Pāligāra, a class well known to us in our early wars. Many of the bastions and much of the wall remain still, or did till lately, and many of the representatives of the chiefs survive on the lands then granted to this day. Here was feudal tenure and service established as firmly as by William the Conqueror and his

barons, and Viśvanātha surrounded by his chiefs recalls, not so remotely, king Arthur and his Round Table.

Of the many stories told of king Viśvanātha we will take that regarding how he dealt with five rebellious chieftains; it will perhaps be better told in minstrel measure, into which the words of the old chronicle readily slip:—

“Five chieftains in the Southland had tribute  
used to bring.

As vassals liege and loyal, to the great Pandion  
king;

But now, together banding, to their sovereign lord  
said they,

‘Fetch the tribute if you want it, for we will no  
longer pay.’

‘Is it so?’ said Viśvanātha; ‘be ye sure we’ll  
not be slack

To come with men enough withal to bring the  
tribute back.”

So with an army forth he marched, and carried war  
amain

O’er all those rebels’ lands; but they the contest  
did sustain,

For stout and fierce they were; and men on both  
sides thickly fell,

Till in camp and all the country round did moan  
and wailing a-well;

And Viśvanātha heard it, and in his heart he  
thought

That for him and for his glory such misery was  
wrought.

Forthwith he wrote a letter and bade his herald go  
And to the rebel leader this royal message show:

‘Bethink ye now: ye are but five, and I one man  
alone,

Yet for our sakes arise up such grievous wail  
and moan.

This may not be; now list to me: let either force  
draw back

And a stone pillar build between, restraining all  
attack;

And let us write a solemn pledge, and lay it on  
the stone,

That ye five chiefs shall thither come and fight  
with me alone,

And if I conquer, then all ye, with but the weeds  
ye wear,

Yielding to me your lands and wealth, away on  
foot shall fare;

But should ye overcome, then I to you will render  
all

My kingdom and my riches, and abide your hum-  
ble thrall.

Now let this vow be written, and on the pillar  
laid,



And meet me in fight before it, and so this feud  
be stayed.'  
The five chiefs hearkened together, and thus reply  
made they :—  
'For one to fight with five men it were no equal  
fray;  
Better it were that one this quarrel with thee  
should try.'  
So answer they sent; and thus Viśvanātha made  
reply :—  
'Look now; ye are five rulers and o'er countries  
five bear sway,  
And I, one king, come hither to force ye to obey,  
And to me alone yield homage: 'tis therefore meet  
and right  
That ye five all together with me alone should  
fight.'  
Howbeit they would not hearken, but chose the  
mightiest lord  
In chain-mail dight, and girded with the goodliest-  
tempered sword,  
Mounted upon a war-steed; and so in the midway  
space  
The chief met Viśvanātha by the pillar face to  
face.  
Lightly the great Pandion said to that champion  
lord,  
'Strike first,' and he smote, but deftly the monarch  
turned the sword.  
'Now strike in thy turn,' undaunted the rebel  
foeman cried.  
'Be sure thou need'st not hasten,' the warrior-king  
replied,  
'But three more blows yet strike thou, nor stint  
to strike again.'  
And thrice the chieftain smote him, but ever the  
stroke was vain.  
Then the Rāja Viśvanātha spake high to the  
rebel foe,  
'Now take good heed,' and smote him an exceeding  
mighty blow;  
No mail the dint might hinder, it clave him right  
in twain,  
And the sundered trunk fell right and left upon  
the reddened plain.  
Then their lunds the four chiefs rendered, and all  
in sad array,  
Alone, as their oath had bound them, went wander-  
ing far away."

Now this was a passage of arms hardly sur-  
passed in any chronicle of romance, and instinct  
with the true spirit of chivalry. The king's  
compassionate feeling for the feeble, his desire  
to take all the consequences of his own quarrel  
upon himself, and unselfish offer to encounter  
desperate odds, his courtesy and forbearance to

his opponent, all show him to have been what  
old Chaucer would have called "a very parfait  
gentil knight." Nor was knightly feeling  
lacking in his opponents, rebels though they  
were, as proved by their repeated refusal to  
accept his challenge at great advantage to them-  
selves, and obedience to their vow on defeat.

King Viśvanātha reigned till A.D. 1438, in the  
days of our Henry VI., when, though men could  
remember the heroic deeds of Jeanne d'Arc, the  
institutions of chivalry were beginning to wane.

About two centuries later, when the old  
Pāṇḍya dominion had become broken up into  
lesser states, and the Muhammadan power had  
began to overshadow the peninsula, Śrī Rāja  
Rāṅga Kṛishṇa was ruling in Trichināpalli,  
which the great king Viśvanātha is said to  
have first fortified. He was a gay and gallant  
monarch delighting in bold and adventurous  
exploits, not a little after the fashion of the fifth  
James of Scotland. In those days, it is said,  
the Moghul Pādishāh used to send to all coun-  
tries one of his slippers, which was placed in  
a state howdah on an elephant, attended by  
two Nawābs and several thousand cavalry and  
infantry. It was fanned by *chauris*, shaded  
by a royal umbrella, and attended by banners,  
kettledrums, and music. On reaching the  
boundaries of the various kingdoms the pro-  
cession halted, and the attendant Nawābs sent  
word to the king of each country. These kings  
came at the head of their troops, paid homage  
to the slipper, lowered their own ensigns to it,  
accompanied it to their capitals, and placed it on  
their thrones. Costly presents were then made to  
the Sardars, and tribute-money delivered up to  
them. The Pāṇḍya country, however, being so  
far, the imperial slipper had not hitherto reached  
it. Nevertheless, whilst Rāja Rāṅga Kṛishṇa was  
reigning, the two Nawābs, with all the troops and  
insignia attendant, set their faces thitherward,  
and came to the boundary of the kingdom north  
of Trichināpalli. Halting there, the Nawābs sent  
*chobdars* with silver sticks to inform the king  
that the imperial slipper had arrived. The Rāja  
having heard the message replied, "Return and  
tell the Nawābs that we are unwell, and can-  
not come so far, but if they and all the retinue  
will come to the other bank of the Kāvāri river  
outside the town we will meet them there."  
The Nawābs received the answer with some-  
angst, but nevertheless advanced, and on crossing

the Kāvērī and still not seeing the king became excessively enraged. Messengers, however, came and appeased them, saying that the Rāja, being exceedingly ill, would meet them in a palanquin just within the fort gate. Meanwhile orders had been given to the guard only to allow the elephant and slipper, with the Nawābs and principal men, inside the gate, but not the rest of the troops. So the chief men in charge of the slipper entered, and still not seeing the king grew more enraged, but the others said, "Our king is too sick to enter a palanquin; come with us to the palace gates." Accordingly they came to the gates of the palace, but the king did not appear. Then, filled with fury at the disrespect implied, they took the slipper from the howdah and carried it into the hall of audience, where they found Śrī Rāja Rāṅga Kṛishṇa arrayed in royal robes, seated on his throne, and surrounded by his nobles and retainers. Seeing that he did not make the least motion of respect towards the slipper or themselves, the Pādishāh's Nawābs and men, highly incensed, pushed roughly forward, and coming near offered to give the slipper into the hands of the king. He angrily bid them place it on the floor, but without heeding they again tried to put it into his hands. Thereupon the king called loudly and angrily for men with whips, saying, "We will see whether the Pādishāh's people will put the slipper down or not." Then they became alarmed and threw it down, and the king putting one of his feet in it said to them, "Has your Pādishāh lost his senses? When sending foot-furniture for us, why sends he not two slippers instead of one? Get ye back and bring another slipper." On their answering fiercely, the king had them beaten and driven out. When they got outside they began to draw up their troops threateningly, but the king sending out a great force fell on them and cut them up. When the matter came to the Pādishāh's ears, on thinking it over he came to the conclusion that in those distant countries, if such messages were sent, the daring of one would be imitated by others; and so, after the high bearing of Rāja Rāṅga Kṛishṇa, he ceased sending his slipper round to the different rulers.

The editor of the Manuscripts hardly knows what to make of this singular affair, and inclines to think that, if true at all, it refers to the pride of Aurangzib, who styled all native

princes merely zamindārs, and aimed at the subjugation of all the south of India. Ferishtah states that Aurangzib's general made a long journey to Trichināpalli and Tanjor, and received tribute from the zamindārs of those capitals. This was doubtless done with all Muhammadan haughtiness, and if the long distance emboldened a native prince to offer a successful check, pride might not have tolerated so humiliating an admission by Ferishtah, who gives no details, whilst the narrative of the native historian is very minute and circumstantial, and wears much appearance of truth.

Another adventure of this gay and *débonnaire* king is thus told. One evening he mounted a very fleet horse, and going out by the eastern gate of the town turned his horse's head towards Tanjor, some thirty miles distant, and rode there at speed unattended, though he was not on good terms with the Tanjor king. Arriving after dark he mingled with the people returning into the city and entered within the gate. Proceeding up the bāzār street he went to a shopkeeper and said, "I am just arrived, my attendants and money are coming after, meantime advance me one pagoda (3½ rupees) on the deposit of this ring, and get me needful supplies." Then, having had his horse tethered and fed, he entered a Brāhmaṇ choultry and partook of fruits and milk. Subsequently, in the first watch of the night, he disguised himself as a sepoy, entered the palace on foot in the dark, and sat down in the hall of the throne near the king, and listened to all the affairs under discussion. He then surveyed the whole of the palace, and wrote on the door of the private apartments, "To-day we, Rāja Kṛishṇa of Trichināpalli, came here, and having heard all the news of the palace left it and went away." Then quitting the palace he returned to his quarters. Early in the morning he called the shopkeeper and, said, "As our people and money have not come, we will send you your pagoda; you will then return the ring." Then mounting his horse he set off at full speed in high glee, and soon reached Trichināpalli and entered his palace. Forthwith sending for the ambassador of Tanjor he said, "We have been to your king's town, entered the palace, surveyed the whole of it, and written our name on such a door. We also left our ring with a shopkeeper; write now to your



king to get and send it us. Your king does not keep a proper look-out. He is just and charitable, so we did him no harm, but having penetrated so far we might have slain him and thrown him out of doors. Tell him, therefore, in future to maintain a good guard." So the ambassador wrote, and the king in great amazement went to the door of the private apartments, read what was written on it, and calling the shopkeeper gave him ten pagodas, and taking from him the ring sent it forthwith to the Trichināpalli king. From that time forward he had the palace and fort gates very carefully watched.

Again it is told of Rājā Krishna that when a great vassal Pāligār, who lived some twenty miles from his capital, had been slow in sending, as a sort of tribute-heriot, an incomparably fine elephant which the king desired to have, the latter mounted a swift white horse and rode out fast toward the Pāligār's castle, ordering some troops to follow as fast as they might. Arrived at the castle, he rode in, thrusting aside the men who disputed his entrance, tied his horse to a pillar, and, sitting down on the high seat under the porch, bade the warders go and tell their master that the king was come. The chieftain was then bathing, but, hastily arraying himself, hastened with a golden dish of jewels and laid them submissive before the king's feet. The Rājā then demanded the wonderful elephant that had no fellow. The overawed Pāligār answered, "For such a trifle it needed not the king to have come hither. The elephant is my lord's, but now he is in a furious state, and none dare approach him; when the fit is past I will send him." "Do not think," replied the Rājā, "that we cannot rule an elephant; let it be brought." "But," the Pāligār urged, "the elephant is exceedingly furious; if he sees a white horse he will rush at it and none can stay him. Now my lord is mounted on a white horse." The Rājā, however, heeded not the caution, but commanded the elephant to be brought, and its chain cast off whilst he mounted his horse. This was done with no small danger and difficulty, and the men when the chain was loosened ran aside. So soon as the elephant saw the white horse he rushed at it furiously; but the king, eluding the attack, wheeled and galloped about with most skilful horsemanship, sometimes facing the elephant

and sometimes flying, and so drawing on the infuriated animal, till by degrees he at last brought him all the distance to Trichināpalli and within the walls, where the elephant was mastered by stratagem and bound with strong chains—an exhibition of skill and daring well calculated to impress the people. "Long he ruled," says the chronicle, "with great courage and high justice, and much beloved was he by all folk."

We will conclude with a tale of the downfall of a royal family that shows more high resolve, courage, and devotion than Western people commonly associate with Hindus. About A.D. 1680 an octogenarian king, Achyuta Vijaya Rāghava Naikar, ruled in Tanjor. He had a daughter endowed with extraordinary beauty and ability, the rumour of which reaching the neighbouring king of Trichināpalli he demanded her in marriage, but in a more brusque and peremptory way than the old king her father could stomach. So he refused in no gentle terms. Enraged at this, the Trichināpalli ruler assembled all his forces, and commanded his general to march to Tanjor, invest and storm the fort, and subdue the entire country. The Tanjor troops came out to meet them, but were defeated and driven back, and the fort invested and stormed, and the invading troops surrounded the palace of the old king. The Trichināpalli general, being a high-minded man, now sent to offer terms, and engaged to retire with his troops if the king would ask for peace. The messengers found the ancient monarch engaged in prayer to his favourite god, Nārāyaṇa. He disdained to speak or to interrupt his devotions, but merely made a gesture signifying, "Though all be lost, I will neither ask for peace nor yield my daughter." So the messengers returned and reported to the general, who then advanced his troops up to the gates of the palace. Meanwhile the aged king had finished his devotions, and ordering his daughter, crowned wives, and attendants to assemble in a hall, surrounded them with great vessels filled with powder, laid a train and commanded them to fire it on a given signal. Then he arrayed himself for his last fight, and is described as young-looking for his years, with extremely overhanging eyebrows held up by gold wires, costly robes studded with gems wrapped round him, and in each hand a long brightly burnished gauntlet sword. Most of his people had fled,

Five faithful officers of his bodyguard remained by him. It happened that some time before, in a fit of anger, he had caused his son to be imprisoned, and one of his followers, reminding him of this, said that now was the time for pardon. "It is well," said the old king, "let him be brought." On his appearance, the son, bowing to his father with closed hands, uttered this verse:—  
 "The sea buries jewels and throws up a straw,  
 Of the treacherous element that is the law;  
 But, father and ruler, we'll show now to them  
 That a straw is a straw, but a gem is a gem."

Then Achyuta Vijaya Rāghava Rāja embraced his son, and commanded the signal to be given to the women. Instantly a tremendous explosion took place, and the palace was filled with fire and smoke, walls fell crashing, and flames spread fast. Again the Trichināpalli commander, coming forward, offered terms. "Once we have spoken," was the reply, "and use no double speech. Is life or honour greatest? We through all ruin will keep our honour. Cease words, and come and fight with us." Then the five devoted followers, rushing in turn before the king, fell after slaying many; and lastly the king and his son, sword in hand, attacked the foe, and were slain, after each had cut down several.

The chronicle adds a circumstance which may

interest some in the days when Spiritualism has many adherents. The old king, when his relations with the Trichināpalli ruler were friendly, used to resort regularly and pay his devotions at Śrīraṅgam, the great temple adjoining Trichināpalli, and on the very time of his falling in combat it is said that he appeared at Śrīraṅgam with all his children, wives, and followers who perished with him, whereat the attendant Brāhmins said, "See! here is the Tanjor king come to pay his visit to the Lord of Śrīraṅgam;" and, taking them all to the inner shrine, they gave them the sacred *tulsi*, and put the customary crowns upon their heads, when the king with all his retinue, entering the inner recess, disappeared, and were seen no more. Thereupon all the Brāhmins exclaimed in amazement, "Here is a miracle!"

One reflection occurs. These tales, and many like them, are told amongst the people, and the countries in which the scenes are laid now form three contiguous zillās. Many of the palaces and forts built by those bygone kings still remain, and some are used as law-courts and dwelling-places, but though the strangers from the West who sit in them deal out peace and justice, they can hardly replace in the heart and imagination of the people the stirring times and bold deeds of the rulers of their own race.

#### MISCELLANEA.

##### GOLDEN MASKS.

The golden mask found by Dr. Schliemann at Mykēne has somewhat perplexed *savants*, who find it difficult to account for the presence of such an article where it was found. Without pretending to solve the difficulty, I wish to note a use of golden masks in this country which may perhaps give some clue. In the royal family of Kolhāpur it has been the custom to build temples, dedicated to the tutelary deity of the family, in memory of deceased Rājas. In one instance I know of a golden mask, supposed to represent the Rāja whose memory was thus to be perpetuated, being presented to the temple, to be affixed to the head of the image, and I believe this instance is not a solitary one.

In Mr. Nairne's *Historical Sketch of the Konkan* (p. 72) he mentions a temple (at Sindhadurg, on the coast) dedicated to Śivāji where "the idol which represents him has a silver mask for com-

mon use, and a gold one for festivals, both bearing the semblance of an ordinary Marāṭhā face."

Doubtless further investigation would show this custom to be not peculiar to Śivāji's family, but to be widely spread in India. We may have here the survival of an ancient Āryan practice which has died out among the Āryan races in Europe.

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Sangh, 12th Oct. 1877.

##### SEPULCHRAL URNS IN THE DISTRICT OF KOIMBATUR.

In the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. VI. p. 279, there appeared an interesting article by the Right Reverend Bishop Caldwell on the sepulchral urns found in various parts of the district of Tinnivelly.<sup>1</sup> A well-informed friend, whose attention I drew to that article, has favoured me with valuable information on similar exhumations

IV. pp. 12, 13, 305; vol. V. pp. 159, 160, 253, 256; vol. VI. pp. 41 and 230.—Ed.

<sup>1</sup> For further information on this subject see *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. pp. 150, 151; vol. II. pp. 7-10, 86-88, 223-229, 275-279; vol. III. pp. 34-36, 53, 54, 277, 278, 306-308; vol.



made in the district of Kolmbatur, a part of the Madras Presidency with which he is intimately acquainted. I subjoin it, in the hope that it will interest your readers:—

"These sepulchral urns are found in vast quantities in the Kolmbatur district, but the urns are there of a totally different shape—something like this, and even more pointed at the base, and they generally have a little ornament.



"The places of sepulture are also different. Above ground the spot is marked generally by a circle of rough boulders, and in digging within the circle you come upon a massive stone chest, oblong in shape and composed of ponderous slabs. On removing the covering slab it is found that the chest is sometimes divided into two compartments by a transverse slab in the centre. One of the end slabs always has a hole of about six or nine inches in diameter cut in its centre, the edges of which are polished. In these compartments urns of sizes are found full of mould, in which fragments of bones may be discovered. Other urns contain spear and arrow heads. I think the bodies were burnt and the ashes put in the urns, as the fragments of bones seemed to me partly calcined. The local name for these places of sepulture is *Pāḍava kōji*; but, notwithstanding, the legend is that they are the habitations of a race of pygmies, and that the circular holes were the entrances to the dwellings."

RIMA VARMA.

#### Queries.

#### NAMES OF COUNTRIES ENDING IN 'STÂN.'

We see on maps sundry countries, not now intimately connected with India, and sometimes not now occupied by purely Aryan races, but still mainly on the border-lands of the Aryan, Shemitic, and Turanian peoples, marked by names ending in 'stân.' Thus 'Dāghestān,' 'Kurdistān,' 'Lazistān,' 'Gurjistān' (Georgia), &c. The ordinary derivation of 'Hindūstān' is from 'Hindū-sthāna,' the 'place of Hindūs,' and here I believe it is universally acknowledged the right one. The same may be said of 'Baluchistān,' 'Sensān,' 'Zabulistān,' 'Afghānistān,' all of which are near enough to India for the meaning of the word to be known and applied even within historic times.

\* 'Thān' is still used in India as the designation of the "place" of a horse or other animal. 'Stall' is the English equivalent. 'Stable' in English is almost identical, both in sound and meaning, with the Persian 'istābal.' 'Thāna' is Indian for a police 'station.' All are undoubtedly connected with the Aryan root 'sth' indicative of locality—including I believe, the 'stān' in question. The main point is whether the meaning of the termination

But I feel doubtful if this can be the case in the instances noted above. Does a Kurd know that 'Kurdistān' means 'place of Kurds,' or one of the Mongolian tribes of the Caucasus recognise 'Dāghestān' as the place of 'Dāghs'? (By the way, does this word indicate the appellation of some obscure or extinct tribe, or is it connected with 'Dāgh' [دَاغ], 'burnt,' or 'Dāgh' [دَاغ], 'mountain')? Are these designations now used, or not, by the present inhabitants? Or were they once in use, but are not so now, but only hold their place in maps and books? Or are they merely conventional terms invented by map-makers and authors, and used for convenience sake for indicating districts designated by other names by those who dwell in them? Does the 'stān' come from some other root, and has it been 'symmetrized' into conformity with 'Hindūstān'? Supposing these terms to be in indigenous use, do those using them retain any inkling of the fact of the word 'stān' meaning a 'place'? Are these names traces of the spread of ancient Aryan power,—survivals,—the signification of which is unknown to those who apply them to characterize their native countries? Or is it the case that though the exact meaning of 'stān' may be unknown to Georgian or Kurd, yet that there is enough communication with the East to enable them to understand half-instinctively that as 'Afghānistān' and 'Hindūstān' mean the 'places' of the Afghāns and the Hindūs, so 'Gurjistān' and 'Kurdistān' must mean the 'places' of the Georgians and the Kurds?

The whole subject of the names on the border-land of 'Irān' and 'Turān' is interesting, and I think, if fully gone into by a competent hand, would furnish many facts tending to form materials for another chapter in prehistoric annals, or to illustrate obscure passages of more modern history.

I believe it is pretty certain that the districts in question have had their populations repeatedly changed within comparatively modern times. Now, supposing the names ending with 'stān' to have been originally conferred by pre-historic Aryans, is not the transmission of the names by so many different races a striking instance of the vitality of designations? Or have these names been given by Aryan races first occupying them within the comparatively late historic era only, though when 'stān' was still in use for the ordinary expression of 'place'? Either conclusion

is now understood by people of the localities indicated (either positively, as being known to mean 'place'; or indirectly from deduction and connection), and whether, if so, this knowledge is inherited from their Aryan ancestors, or (supposing a Shemitic or Turanian superposition of people so complete to us be almost a substitution) by tradition communicated from an earlier race of settlers.

if established would demonstrate an interesting example of philological phenomena.

GAIKVĀDĪ.

#### THE DIGAMBARA JAINAS.

At Dehli I visited the two temples of the Digambara Jainas in company with Paṇḍit Viśveśvarnātha, and was received by their chief priest, the Bhaṭṭārka, and the ascetics (who are called paṇḍits) in a very friendly manner. They readily answered my questions regarding their religion; they showed me one of their libraries which is kept in the temple near the Chāndni Chouk, gave me a list of the Bhaṭṭārka's books, and offered to copy anything I might require.

During a fortnight's stay [at Jaypur] I became acquainted with some of the best Digambara paṇḍits, and obtained through them a good foundation for a collection of the works of their sect, and more copious information regarding their faith than has fallen to the share of other Saṅskṛitists. From the statements of the Jaypur paṇḍits, which agree in general with those of their Dehli brethren, it appears that the Digambara Jainas are scattered over a great part of eastern Rājputāna, of the Panjāb, of the North-Western Provinces, and of the Central India Agency, and have even some outlying settlements in Gujārāt. They name the following towns as the locations of their *Vidyāsthānas*, or seats of learning:—1 Jaypur, 2 Dehli, and Sonpat (where a large *bhaṇḍār* is said to exist), 3 Gwālior, 4 Ajmir, 5 Nāgar in Rājputāna, 6 Rāmpur-Bhānpur near Indor, 7 Karangi, and 8 Surat. These cities, together with Karnaṭa, and a fabulous island Jainabadhri, which is placed 1500 *kos* from Jaypur, beyond Rāmeśvaram, are said to contain altogether sixteen *vidyāsthānas*, among which that at Jaypur is the principal one. The list does not fit the state of things in our days. For instance, in Ajmir and in Surat there is now no learning. There are only small Digambara communities, whose spiritual wants are attended to by very ignorant Bhaṭṭārkas. It is also clear that the author of the list had no very clear idea of the extent of the Jaina colonies of Southern India, as one *vidyāsthāna* only is allotted to the Karnaṭa country. But the list seems to give the *gādis*, or seats of high-priests, correctly for Central and North-Western India. It is also indisputable that Jaypur is now the chief seat of Digambara learning. The Digambaras called themselves the *Mūlasaṃgha*, or 'primitive church,' and assert that the Śvetāmbaras seceded from them, while the latter state exactly the opposite. Like the Śvetāmbaras, they are divided into

ascetics and laymen, or Śrāvakas. The former are now divided into Bhaṭṭārkas, or high-priests, and paṇḍits, or common ascetics; and into four *gachhas*, sects or schools, viz., the Nandigachha, the Sarasvatī, the Bhārati-gachha, and the Syenagachha. In older times the Digambara ascetics used to go naked, and from this custom they derive the names Digambara, 'sky-clad,' Nirgranthas, 'without a knot,' Nagnātas, 'naked mendicants.' Now they make a compromise with the spirit of the times and the British law. They maintain, as formerly, in theory that a man can only obtain salvation when he is perfectly *nirmana*, free from all possessions and all desire to possess, and that hence clothes ought not to be worn by a true ascetic. But the paṇḍits wear the usual dress of the country, and even the Bhaṭṭārkas cover themselves with a *chaddar*, which they put off when eating. At their meals they sit perfectly naked, and a pupil rings a bell to keep off all strangers. The laymen are divided into three *Jatis*, or sub-divisions,—Khandarwāl, Agrawāl, and Bahirwāl,—who will eat with each other. But each marries within his own class. Where, as in Dehli, a portion of the Jainas have left the faith and turned Vaishnavas, still intermarriages between them and their Jaina caste-fellows may take place. There are, besides, further sub-divisions of the three *Jatis*. Thus among the Jaypur Khandarwāls there are Viśpanthis and Therāpanthis. The former worship standing, &c., and the latter seated. The literature of the Digambaras is divided into four Vedas, viz.:—

1. The *Prathamānuyoga*, which comprises all works on their *Rithee*, their legends and history; to this division belong the twenty-four *Purdnas*, which give the lives of the twenty-four Tirthankaras, the *Uttarapurdna*, *Harisambharpurdna*, etc.

2. The *Karandnuyoga*, which includes the works describing the origin and the order of the universe, e.g. *Trilokandra*, *Tulokabhūshana*, *Jotishandra*, *Bijaganita*, *Chandrarprajnapiti*, *Sūryaprajnapiti*, etc.

3. The *Draśyānuyoga*, which treats of their doctrine or philosophy. Some of the chief works belonging to it are the *Jomatiasandra*, *Prāvachanasara*, *Ashṭasahasri*, *Prameyakamala-Mārtanda*, *Rajavartika*, etc.

4. The *Charandnuyoga*, which treats of the *Achdra*, customs, worship, &c. To this subdivision belong the *Trivarnchandra*, *Muldchandra*, *Jogamula*, *Ashṭapādchandra*, *Padmānanda-pachchisi*, &c.

These divisions are likewise known to the Śvetāmbara Jainas, though they usually prefer to classify their sacred literature as *Angas*, *Upāngas*,



*Pāṇḍa*, *Ohheda*, and *Māṇasāstra*. I was particularly anxious to find out whether the Digambaras agreed with the Śvetāmbaras about any of their inspired works. I soon found that the former hold the twelve *Angas*, the *Doddosangī*, in as high esteem as the latter. A list of the *Angas* which they gave me agreed very nearly with that of the Śvetāmbaras. But they asserted that their *Angas*, though bearing the same names as the Śvetāmbara books, differed in substance. In order to test this assertion, I handed to the paṇḍits a copy of the Śvetāmbara *Bhāgavallī*, and they at once conceded that it was the same text which they used every day. In a like manner they recognized the *Juddharmakathā*, the *Upasakadasāṅga*, and the *Anuyāhasāstra*. But they were very positive in rejecting as spurious the Śvetāmbara *Achārāṅga*, *Sūtra Kṛtāṅga*, *Nīltha*, *Rāipasenī*, *Kalpa*, *Vṛhat Kalpa*, *Nandī*, *Mahānīltha*, *Anuyogādāśra*, and *Vyasahārasāstra*, as well as ten *Pāṇḍas*. Of some they declared they actually possessed different versions. But, as they produced no manuscripts, I have my doubts on this subject. On the whole it would appear that their libraries are poor in *Angas* and other *Agamas*, and that they do not explain them daily, as is done by the Śvetāmbaras. But the important point which my inquiries have settled is that some of the *Angas*, at least, are common to both Digambaras and Śvetāmbaras, and that the two sects do not possess entirely different sets of scriptures, as has been hitherto supposed. I secured nearly one hundred Digambara works referring to all the four 'Vedas', and a few works belonging to their profane literature, among which I may mention copies of Jainendra's Grammar, with a short commentary and a long one. The former was written 1205 A.D. in the neighbourhood of Kolhāpur; arrangements were also made with one of the paṇḍits to get copies made of a number of works which could not be procured at once. He has since sent me several packets of manuscripts. I visited also the library of the Mahārāja of Jaypur, which is extensive, but has, unfortunately, no trustworthy catalogue. I selected a few *Nṛśakas* and astronomical works for copying. The collection is rich in the latter, as the Mahārāja Jesingh, the founder of Jaypur, was a great mathematician and astronomer, and many of his manuscripts are still extant.

The libraries of the Digambara and Śvetāmbara Jains who live there [at Ajmir] are not considerable; still I acquired a few of the common *Sūtras* for Cambridge. On the 20th December I proceeded to Merta, the *bhaṇḍār* of which town had been mentioned to me in Bikaner as one of the oldest and best of the Śvetāmbaras. It was very

fortunate that Mr. A. C. Lyall, the acting Agent Governor General in Rājputāna, whom I met in Ajmir, had given the most distinct orders to the Jodhpur Vakil and Darbār that the *bhaṇḍār* was to be shown to me. For I have seldom met with a more obstinate and intractable set of men than the Merta Paṇḍ. They first tried to deny the possession of books, then they asked for several delays in order to await the return of certain *śiṣyas* who had gone on a pilgrimage, and finally they flatly refused to show their treasures. Explanations, orders, entreaties by the officials of the town, offers of money, were equally fruitless. They surrendered only when the Jodhpur Minister sent an order that if within twenty-four hours they did not show their books, the Khotwāl was to undertake the task and to open the *bhaṇḍār* on the part of the Rāja. Thus I was kept waiting for nine days, and had finally the mortification to find that the library was not worth so much trouble. It contained about 800 well-kept and well-written manuscripts, which were neither distinguished by their age nor by their contents. The only interesting news I obtained was the name of the son of the famous Bāṇabhaṭṭa, who continued the *Kādambarī* after his father's death. He was called Bhaṭṭahana-bhaṭṭa. After copying the catalogue of the Merta *bhaṇḍār* I went straight back to Jaypur, and had again interviews with the Digambara paṇḍits, from whom I collected further information and more books. Among my visitors was also the chief disciple of the present Bhaṭṭārka, who will, in all probability, succeed his master. It is rare that such people leave their *śaṭhas*, and I fully appreciated the honour which he did me, though he somewhat diminished it by giving a false name.—*Dr. Bühler in Bombay Administration Report, 1875-76.*

#### BUDDHISM IN PUTU.

A correspondent of the *North China Herald* gives an interesting account of a visit to the island of Putu, off the China coast, which is entirely given up to Buddhism. No animals are allowed to be killed there, and neither fish nor animal food may be landed. Temples occupy the most beautiful spots, and everywhere shrines are built by the roadside, or Buddhas carved upon the face of the rocks. The government of the island is in the hands of the priests, and the rents from the land all go to the temples; in fact, though presents of tea, &c. are sent to Peking, the island is more like a dependency than an integral part of China. The few graves to be seen suggested to the visitor the practice of cremation; and not far from the largest temple, and near the beach, he found one of the furnaces, which consisted of a

small room in the hill-side, arched overhead, the only peculiarity about it being an excavation in the rocky floor about the size of a small coffin, intended for the fuel, or to create a draught. The following is a brief description of the process, as given by a priest:—Three days after death, the body, seated cross-legged and enclosed in a box, is taken to the furnace. Fuel is placed round it, and after a suitable religious ceremony the torch is applied, and the whole pile is soon wrapped in flames. It requires several hours and 400 pounds of wood to complete the process.—*The Academy.*

## NOTES.

Dr. A. Burnell has discovered a MS. of the long-sought *Prâtīdhya* of the *Sāma Veda*. It consists of about 280 sūtras with a commentary, and is attributed to Śākatāyana; but, as it is, it is a relatively modern work, and much like the *Āṅgava-prâtīdhya* (edited by Prof. Whitney) in style and

conciseness. The copy he has is tolerably correct, and he hopes to print it shortly. He has also ascertained the existence of a *Bṛāhmaṇa*, as yet unknown, which belongs to the Jaiminiya Śākhā of the *Sāma Veda*, and expects to have a copy soon, and also authentic information respecting the chants of this Śākhā, which differ widely from those known already. What he has heard of the Jaiminiya chants makes him think that they are in reality far more simple, and perhaps older, than the others—e.g. of the Kauthuma.—*The Academy.*

Some new Zend publications have been brought out by two young scholars, K. Geldner and W. Geiger, the first of whom is a pupil of Roth, the second of Spiegel. Geldner deals with the metrical parts of the *Zendvesta*, and proposes a great many ingenious corrections of corrupt passages, while Geiger confines himself to the Pehlavi version of the first *Vendidad*. His conclusions show that this version is of no great value for the Zend text.

## BOOK NOTICES.

*ITER PERSICUM, ou Description du Voyage en Perse entrepris en 1602 par Etienne Kakasch de Zalonkemeny, envoyé comme ambassadeur par l'Empereur Rodolphe II. à la cour du grand-duc de Moscovie et à celle de Chāh Abbas, roi de Perse. Traduction publiée et annotée par Ch. Schefer, Premier Secrétaire interprète du Gouvernement, Administrateur de l'Ecole des Langues orientales vivantes. (Rémo, pp. xxii and 130. Paris: E. Leroux, 1877.)*

After the treaty of Madrid, Francis I. had sought an alliance with the Porte, which power, as well as France, had a vital interest in weakening the influence of Austria (then Germany). This alliance continued, in spite of short interruptions, till the peace of Versailles in 1756, and during the reigns of Henry II. and Henry IV. the influence of France in Turkish councils was so great as to force Austria to seek alliances against them. In 1592 the Turks had commenced a war on Austria, that was still being continued in Hungary—which Turkey held from Presburg to the Theiss—when Sir Anthony Shirley appeared at the court at Prague, bearing a letter from Shāh Abbas the Great, proposing an alliance. The emperor Rudolf II. determined to accept the offer, and appointed Stephan Khakhas von Salankhomeny, a Transylvanian, as his envoy to the Shāh. Khakhas took as his secretary a Saxon Protestant named George Tectander von der Jabel, who on his return presented to the Emperor an account of the journey and mission, which he afterwards published under the title of *Iter Persicum*. The embassy left Prague 27th August 1602, and passing through Breslau, Cracow, Warsaw, Wilna, and Smolensk arrived at Moscow on the 9th November, where it was received by the

Grand Duke Boris Fedorovich. Leaving this on the 8th December, Salankhomeny and his suite proceeded by Nijni Novgorod to Kazan and down the Volga to Astrakhan, which they reached on 27th May. The author's account of Russia—then separated by the Don from the Turkish Khanate of the Crimea—and of the court of the Grand Duke is full of curious information. In August they landed at Langheran, in the province of Guilan, where, from bad food and water, all fell ill. Robert Shirley met them there to conduct them, but on reaching Lankan, two miles from Langheran, Salankhomeny died on the 25th October 1603. Tectander and George Agelastes then proceeded to carry out the mission, but the latter also died, of scarlatina, at Kasbin. Tectander found Shāh Abbas at Tabriz, which he had just taken from the Turks, and he gives an interesting account of that celebrated Sufawi ruler and his court. He accompanied the Persian army for some time during the campaign in Armenia, and then returned with a Persian ambassador through Circassia to Kois on the Caspian, and thence to Tereka and Astrakhan, finding his way back to Moscow by the route he had come. There he met Henry of Logan, the Austrian ambassador, who left Moscow with him on the 24th August 1604, when Tectander's narrative closes. An appendix of 27 pages contains two letters of Salankhomeny's from Moscow, his address to the Grand Duke Boris, a letter from Boris to Rudolf, and an extract from a report by Henry of Logan.

The original work is very scarce, and M. Schefer has done excellent service in preparing this



French version of so interesting a volume, to which he has added valuable notes, and an introduction containing a short but interesting account of the Shirleys, and a bibliography of European works on the reign of Abbas. The volume forms one of the excellent series of 18mo volumes of M. Leroux's *Bibliothèque Orientale Elzévirienne*, and is illustrated by a curious coloured map of Eastern Europe at the commencement of the seventeenth century, and a facsimile of Sadeler's portrait of Hussain A'li Beg, the Persian sent with Sir Anthony Shirley to the courts of Russia and Germany.

*GESTA ROMANORUM*, or Entertaining Moral Stories, translated from the Latin, with preliminary Observations and copious Notes, by the Rev. CHARLES SWAN, late of Catharine Hall, Cambridge, and revised and corrected by WYNARD HOOPER, B.A., Clare College, Cambridge. (London: George Bell and Sons, 1877.)

The only fault which we can find with this cheap and carefully annotated translation of the *Gesta* is that, as might be expected in the case of a book published in England, no illustrations whatever are drawn from Sanskrit literature. The literatures of other Oriental countries are by no means neglected. But it is quite clear that for the learned and judicious corrector of Mr. Swan's translation Benfey and Wilson and Weber have written in vain.

We proceed to mention some passages in which illustrations from Sanskrit writers might profitably have been introduced.

The first and most striking parallel that occurs to us is one between the 28th tale in Swan's *Gesta* and the story of Devasmitā in the 13th *avanya* of the *Kathā Sarit Sāgara*. This was long ago pointed out by Wilson (*Collected Works*, vol. III. pp. 220ff.). "A Buddhist priestess has been asked by four young merchants to corrupt the wife of a friend named Devasmitā. The priestess pays her a visit, and gains her confidence. On the day following she pays her a second visit, and gives a bitch which was tied up at her door a piece of meat full of pepper-dust, which made tears trickle copiously from the animal's eyes. She then enters Devasmitā's room and begins to weep. On Devasmitā's asking her the reason of her sorrow she replies, 'My friend, look at this bitch weeping outside here. This creature recognised me to-day as having been its companion in a former birth, and began to weep, which made tears of pity flow from my eyes.' When Devasmitā heard that, and saw the bitch outside apparently weeping, she thought for a moment, 'What can be the meaning of this wonderful sight?' Then the ascetic said to her, 'My daughter, in a former birth I and that bitch were the two wives of a Brāhman. And our husband frequently went about to other countries on em-

bassies by order of the king. Now while he was away from home I lived with other men at my pleasure, and so did not cheat the elements of which I was composed, and my senses of their lawful enjoyment. For considerate treatment of the elements and senses is held to be the highest duty. Therefore I have been born again in this world with a recollection of my former existence. But she in her former life, through ignorance, confined all her attention to the preservation of her character. Therefore she has been degraded and born again as one of the canine race; however, she too remembers her former birth.' The wise Devasmitā said to herself, 'This is a novel conception of Duty.'"

The 'execrable device' employed in the *Gesta Romanorum* is of a very similar character, and employed for similar purposes. The 'beldam' undertakes to corrupt the wife of a knight. Accordingly she makes a little dog, which she possessed, fast for two days, and on the third day gives it bread and mustard. The same results follow as in the Hindu tale, and the beldam expounds them in a similar manner. She asserts that her daughter was turned into this dog to punish her cruelty to her lover. The only difference in the tales is that in the Hindu tale the temptation fails, whereas in the European form of the story it is completely successful.

Another incident in the tale of Devasmitā may be paralleled from the *Gesta Romanorum*. When Devasmitā is obliged to separate from her husband, the god Śiva gives each of them a red lotus, saying, "Take each of you one of these lotuses in your hand, and if either of you shall be unfaithful during your separation the lotus in the hand of the other shall fade, but not otherwise."

A somewhat similar incident is found in the *Gesta Romanorum*, tale 69. A carpenter's mother-in-law bestows on him a shirt that possesses this singular property, that as long as he and his wife "are faithful to each other it will neither be rent, worn, nor stained." Many parallels are mentioned in Wilson's note (vol. III. pp. 217 and 218). One that he has not mentioned will be found in *The Wright's Chaste Wife*, edited for the Early English Text Society by Frederick J. Furnivall, lines 58ff. This nearly resembles the story in the *Gesta*, but a rose-garland does duty for the shirt.

Tale XI. in the *Gesta Romanorum* is an account of a superstition familiar to every student of Sanskrit literature. It runs as follows—"Alexander was a prince of great power, and a disciple of Aristotle, who instructed him in every branch of learning. The queen of the North, having heard of his proficiency, nourished her daughter from the cradle upon a certain sort of deadly

poison; and when she grew up she was considered so beautiful that the sight of her alone affected many with madness.<sup>1</sup> The queen sent her to Alexander to espouse. He had no sooner beheld her than he became violently enamoured, and with much eagerness desired to possess her; but Aristotle, observing his weakness, said, 'Do not touch her, for if you do you will certainly perish. She has been nurtured upon the most deleterious food, which I will prove to you immediately. Here is a malefactor who is already condemned to death. He shall be united to her, and you shall see the truth of what I advance. Accordingly the culprit was brought without delay to the girl, and scarcely had he touched her lips before his whole frame was impregnated with poison, and he expired.' The editors of the *Gesta* illustrate this story copiously, but no parallel is adduced from Sanskrit literature. The notion is a very familiar one in Sanskrit literature, and readers of the *Mudrā Rākshasa* cannot fail to remember how the *vishā kanyā* was employed against Chandragupta. On this occasion Aristotle's place was taken by Chānākya. The king of Banāras employs similar devices against the king of Vatsa in the *Kathā Sarit Sāgara* (*taranga* 19, *śl.* 81). Numerous illustrations might be quoted to show that the story is, as the commentators on the *Gesta* seem to suspect, of Indian origin.

In the 115th tale of the *Gesta* we read of an elephant that no one dared approach, but which was lulled to sleep by two chaste virgins. The same notion of elephants being peculiarly affected by the chastity of women is found in the 36th *taranga* of the *Kathā Sarit Sāgara*, where a chaste woman is able to raise up the white elephant Śvetarūpmi, that had fallen down apparently dead.

The 83rd tale in the *Gesta Romanorum* contains an incident found in the *Panchatantra* :—

"A boar devastates a garden belonging to Trajan. It is wounded three times and then killed. When the cook was preparing it for the table, he reserved the heart for his own eating. This annoyed the emperor, and he sent to inquire after the heart. The cook declared that the boar had no heart, and when called upon to justify this statement defended it in the following way :—'The boar in the first instance entered the garden and committed much injury. I, seeing it, cut off his left ear. Now if he had possessed a heart he would have recollected the loss of so important a member. But he did not, for he entered a second time : therefore he had no heart. Besides, if he had had a heart, when I had cut off his right ear he would have meditated upon the matter,

which he did not, for he came again and lost his tail. Moreover, having lost his ears and his tail, had he possessed a particle of heart he would have thought; but he did not think, for he entered a fourth time and was killed. For these several reasons I am confident he had no heart.' The emperor, satisfied with what he had heard, applauded the man's judgment."

This reminds us in the most forcible way of the second story in the 4th book of the *Panchatantra*. There a jackal persuades an ass to visit a sick lion; the lion wounds him, but the ass escapes. The cunning jackal persuades the ass to visit the lion a second time, when he is killed. The lion then goes to bathe, like a good Hindu lion, before making a meal off him. In the meanwhile the jackal devours the ears and the heart. When the lion taxes him with making his food impure in this way, the jackal replies that the ass had neither ears nor heart, otherwise he would never have run into danger after he had had one narrow escape from destruction. The same story is found in Babrius' fable 95. There the ass is represented by a deer, and the jackal by a fox. The fox devours the heart only, which makes M. Wagener remark that Babrius is *plus conséquent* compared with the Indian fabulist. The fox's defence is most triumphant :—

"Οὐκ εἶχε πᾶντος' φησὶ" μὴ μάρτυρ' ἔχει.

"ποιῶν δ' ἔμελλε καρδίην ἔχειν, ἥτις

ἐκ δευτέρου λείπεται ἥλθεν εἰς οἶκον ;"

Possibly this story suggested to Shakespeare the lines

"Caesar should be a beast without a heart

If he should stay at home to-day for fear."

An incident in the 18th tale, p. 46 of the present edition of the *Gesta*, reminds us of the story of Pāṇḍu in the *Mahābhārata*; and one, in the 5th tale, p. 91, of that of Śrīdata in the *Kathā Sarit Sāgara*, *taranga* 10, *śloka* 140-150. Numerous other parallels would no doubt present themselves to those better versed than the writer of the present article can pretend to be in Sanskrit folklore. But we have said enough to show that the fashionable neglect of Sanskrit literature which prevails in England has detracted considerably from the value of this edition of the *Gesta*.

This collection of tales must always be interesting to Englishmen, as from it Shakespeare drew the plot of at least two of his plays.

The present edition contains much curious and valuable illustrative matter, though, if it had been revised by a scholar well read in Hindu folklore, it might have contained a good deal more.

C. H. T.

<sup>1</sup> This trait recalls the tale of Unmādinī (*Kathā Sarit Sāgara*, *taranga* 15, *śloka* 65).



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## SANSKRIT AND OLD CANARESE INSCRIPTIONS.

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(Continued from p. 19).

## No. XXXV.

THIS and the following two inscriptions are the remaining three early Kādamba Sanskrit copper-plate grants, of which I have already made mention at p. 23 of the preceding volume. It appears that they were found in excavating the bed of a tank at Dēvagīri, in the Karajgi Tālaka of the Dhārwad District. They were referred in the first instance to Mr. Pāṇḍuraṅg Veṅkatēś Chintāmappētṅkar, Canarese Translator in the Educational Department, whose paper on them, after being submitted to Government, was made over to Mr. Burgess, as Archaeological Surveyor, and sent on to me to be recast for this journal. I found it necessary, however, to wait till I could obtain the originals themselves for inspection. In the meantime Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅg has published transcriptions &c., of the same plates in the *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. XII, pp. 300 *et seqq.* I have found his versions, as well as those of the Canarese Translator, useful to refer to in respect of a few doubtful points.

The present grant is on three plates, about 7"·5 long by 1"·8 broad. The ring connecting the plates is 0"·2 thick, and is an oval,—2"·4 by 1"·8. The seal, also, is oval,—1"·7 by 1"·4.

## Transcription.\*

## First Plate.

- [<sup>1</sup>] Śrī<sup>2</sup>-vijaya-Tripurvatē Svāmi-Mahāśēna-mātri-ṅa-a(ś)ṇḍhyāt-ābhishikṭasya Mānavya-  
sagūṭṁsya  
[<sup>2</sup>] pratikṛita-svādhyāya-charchyā(rechā)-pāragasya ādi-kāla-rājārshi-bimbānām āśrita-jan-  
āmbānām  
[<sup>3</sup>] Kādambānām dharmma-mahārājasya āsvamēdha-yājinaḥ samar-ārjita-vipul-niśvargyasya  
[<sup>4</sup>] sāmanta-rājaviśāla-ratnasu(sya)\* Nāga-j-ānākramya-dāy-ānubhūtasya\* śarad-amala-

\* The Canarese Translator takes it to be a horse or bullock. The head, which is the only part at all clear, seems to me more like that of a deer with short horns.

<sup>2</sup> An asterisk, attached to a letter or mark of punctuation in square brackets, denotes that such letter or mark of punctuation is not in the original at all. An asterisk, attached to a mark of punctuation not in brackets, denotes that in the original a mark is used which it is not convenient to represent in the printing, and for which the ordinary mark of punctuation is substituted.

<sup>3</sup> This word,—*śrī*,—is close to the margin of the plate; the vowel is distinct, and parts of the other two letters are clear enough to be read in the original, though not enough so to come out well in the facsimile. In No. XXXVI, l. 3, and No. XXXVII, l. 1, *Vijaya-Paijayanāpā* is not preceded by the honorific prefix *śrī*. But the word can have no other application in the present case; and we have analogous instances in *śrī-vijaya-Pāṇḍitādya*, No. XX, l. 3, and No. XXI, l. 2, and in *śrī-vijaya-Paijayanāpā-niśā*, No. XXI, l. 12.

\* This passage is corrupt, and is difficult to deal with.

The device on it, a good deal worn, is that of some animal standing towards the proper right, but with its head turned round to the left, with the figure of a god or a man leaning against it or sitting on it.

The grant is by Dēva, or Dēvavarmā, the son and Yuvarāja of the Kādamba Mahārāja Kṛishṇavarmā, and is issued at Tripurvatā, a locality which I cannot identify. I place these two kings in early times, either slightly antecedent or slightly subsequent to the Kākusthavarmā and his successors of Nos. XX. to XXVI. of this Series. But I must abandon the specific argument on which, at vol. VI, p. 23, I arrived at Śaka 360 (A.D. 438) as about the date of Kṛishṇavarmā. For, in a stone-tablet inscription from Lakshmēśwar, Śaka 890 (A.D. 969-8) is given as the date of Mārasimhādēva, the younger brother of the Gaṅga king Harivarmā of the Merkāra, Nāgamāṇḍala, and Mallōhalli plates. And if, as I think is the case, this date is the true one, and not that of the Merkāra and Nāgamāṇḍala plates, then it follows that the present Kṛishṇavarmā cannot be the same Kṛishṇavarmā whose sister, according to the plates, was married to Mādhaḥva, the grandson of Harivarmā.

Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅg reads *sāmantarājaviśāharatnasuṇḍa-jiddhaṅgaddhyānubhūtasya*, and does not offer any explanation of it. But he reads two letters wrongly; for, the fourteenth is *jā*, not *jā*, and the sixteenth is *va*, not *ā*. The Canarese Translator is altogether wide of the mark,—*śaṭṭagaditkramuddhyānubhūtasya*. From the context of the other genitive cases, I have no doubt that we must take the eleventh letter, *su*, to be a mistake for *sa*. And the remaining letters form words intelligible by themselves, though not so as a whole, because there is no apparent reason why persons of Nāga descent should be referred to here. However, I see no other suitable way of explaining the passage. It is, indeed, just possible, as the eleventh letter may be either *su* or *a*, that—1, the *sa* of *ratnasu* has been omitted altogether,—and 2, *jā* being by mistake for *sa*, the second word should be *śaṭṭagaditkramasya*, &c., i.e. 'a heritage, not to be arrived at by title-deeds, but possessed from time immemorial' (see Monier Williams, *s.v.* *śaṭṭagadit*); but this is probably going too far for an explanation, and I do not know whether *śaṭṭagadit* is capable of being used in this technical sense, in the same way *śaṭṭagadit*.

*Second plate; first side.*

- [<sup>2</sup>] nabhasy=udita-śāśi-sadṛśi-aik-ātapatrasya dharmma-mahārājasya Śrī-Kṛishṇavarmanṇaḥ  
 priya-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] tanayō Dē[va\*]varmma-yuvarājaḥ sva-punya-phal-ābhikāmkalayā trilōka-bhūta-hita-dēśinah  
 [<sup>4</sup>] dharmma-pravartanasya Arhataḥ bhagavataḥ chaityālayasya bhagnasamākār-ārochchana-  
 mahim-ārttinaḥ  
 [<sup>5</sup>] yāpaniya[sa\*]ūghēbhyaḥ Siddhakēdārē rāja-mānēna dvādaśa nivarttanāni kshētram  
 dattavān [||\*] Yō sya

*Second plate; second side*

- [<sup>6</sup>] apahartā sa pañcha-mahāpātaka-sa(saṁ)yuktā(ktō) || bhavati yō sy=ābhira-kshitā sa  
 punya-phalam=śāntō [||\*]  
 [<sup>10</sup>] Uktam chaṁ(cha) [||\*] Pa(ba)hubhir=vya(vva)sudhā bhuktā rājābhis=Segar-ādibhi(bhū)  
 yasya yasya yadā bhūmih tasya tasya  
 [<sup>11</sup>] tadha(dā) phala(lam) || Ā(a)dbhir=ddattam tribhir=bha(bhu)ktam sadbhis=cha paripālitaḥ  
 ētāni na nivarttantē pūrvva-rāja-kṛitāni cha [||\*]  
 [<sup>12</sup>] Svam dātum su-mahach-chhakyam duḥ<sup>9</sup>kha[m=a\*]ny-ārttha-pālanam dānam vā pālanam  
 v=ēti dānāch=chhṛēyō nupālana[m\*] [||\*]

*Third plate.*

- [<sup>13</sup>] Sva-dattam para-dattam vā yō harēta vasundharām shashtīm varsha-sahasrāṇi narakō  
 pachyatē tu saḥ ||  
 [<sup>14</sup>] Śrī-Kṛishṇa-nṛipa-putrēṇa Kadamba-kula-kētanā rāja-priyēṇa Dēvēna dattā bhūmis=  
 Triparvvatē ||  
 [<sup>15</sup>] Day-āmṛita-sakh-āsvāda-pāta-punya-guṇ-a(ś)psanā Dēvavarman-nikavirēṇa datta(ttā)  
 Jaināya bhūri-iyam ||  
 [<sup>16</sup>] Jayaty=Arhaṁs=trilōk-ēśaḥ sarva(rvva)-bhūta-hitam-karaḥ rāj-ādy-ari-harō nantō nanta-  
 jñāna-dṛig-lēvaraḥ ||

*Translation.*

At the glorious and victorious (*city of*) *Triparvats*<sup>7</sup>, through a desire for the reward of his own meritorious act, the *Yucarāja Dēvarma*,—the beloved son of the pious Great King<sup>8</sup> *Śrī-Kṛishṇavarma*, who was consecrated by having meditated on the assemblage of the mothers of *Svāmī-Mahāsēna*; who was of the kindred of *Mānavya*; who was thoroughly well versed in the system of private study and inquiry that he had adopted; who was the pious Great King of the *Kadambas*, who (*in their achievements and behaviour*) are the counterparts of saintly kings<sup>9</sup> of pri-

mitive times, and who are as fathers to their dependants; who celebrated horse-sacrifices; who acquired great wealth in battle; who was a very jewel among chieftains and excellent kings<sup>10</sup>; who enjoyed a heritage that was not to be attained by persons of *Nāga* descent<sup>11</sup>; and who possessed the sole umbrella (*indicative of universal sovereignty*), which was like (*in the purity of its whiteness*) to the moon when it has risen in the cloudless sky of autumn,—gave a field, (*of the measure of*) twelve *nivartanas* by the royal measure, at (*the village of*) *Siddhakēdāra*, to the sects of the *Yāpaniyas*<sup>12</sup>, for the purposes of the glory of repairing anything

<sup>7</sup> A correction has to be made in the transliteration table at vol. VI., p. 136. The diacritical mark of the letter used to represent the *ḥ* *Jihvāsūśīya* has dropped out in printing; it should be 'ḥ.'

<sup>8</sup> There is a mark below the line, which may, perhaps, be part of this letter,—m,—the rest being effaced; but the letter seems rather to have been omitted altogether.

<sup>9</sup> sc. 'the city of the three hills.'

<sup>10</sup> This epithet, *dharmma-mahārāja*, is also intended to compare him with *Dharmarāja*, sc. *Yama*, and also *Yudhishtira*, 'the king of justice.'

<sup>11</sup> *Bhārashī*,—a person of the Kshatriya, or regal and military class, who has also acquired the status of a Brahmin, or saint, by devoting himself to religious observances and austerities.

<sup>12</sup> See note 4 to the transcription.

<sup>13</sup> This word, *yāpaniya*, occurred in No. XXI., l. 9, and No. XXII., l. 17, in a way that led me to interpret it as meaning 'to be supported.' It now seems, however, to be the name of a sect, and the translations of those two passages should be altered accordingly. In the translation of No. XXI., instead of 'for the purpose of supporting the Kūrchakas, who are naked religious mendicants,' read '(for the benefit) of the *Yāpaniyas*, the *Nirgranthas*, and the *Kūrchakas*'; and, in the translation of No. XXII., instead of 'that ascetics should be supported during the four months of the rainy season; that the learned men, the chief of whom was *Kumārādatta*, \* \* \*, should according to justice enjoy all the material substance of that greatness;' read 'that the learned men, the chief of whom was *Kumārādatta*, who are ascetics of the *Yāpaniya* sect, \* \* \*, should according to justice enjoy all the material





## KADAMBA GRANT OF DEVAVARMĀ. 4th Side.

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that may be broken<sup>19</sup> and performing the worship of the temple of the holy Arhat, who points out that which is beneficial to the inhabitants of the three worlds, and who propagates religion.

He, who confiscates this (*grant*), incurs the guilt of the five great sins; he, who preserves it, enjoys the reward of a meritorious act! And it has been said:—Land has been enjoyed by many kings, from Sagara downwards; he, who for the time being possesses land, enjoys the fruits of it! That (*grant*) which is bestowed with libations of water, and that which is enjoyed by three (*generations*), and that which is preserved by good people,—these are not resumed; and, also, (*grants*) that have been made by former kings! It is very easy to bestow one's own property, (*but*) the preservation of the property of others is difficult; (*if the question is*) whether giving or preserving (*is the more commendable act*),—preservation is better than giving! He is tormented in hell for the duration of sixty thousand years, who confiscates land that has been given, whether by himself or by another!

Land was given at Triparvata by Dēva, who was the son of the king Śrī-Kṛishṇa, and who was the glory of the

family of the Kadambas, and who was fond of war. This land was given to the Jaina<sup>20</sup> by Dēvavarmā, the bravest of mankind, who desired his meritorious acts and virtues to be purified by tasting the happiness of the nectar of compassion.

Victorious is the Arhat, the lord of the three worlds, the worker of the welfare of all people, the destroyer of passion and other (*mental*) enemies, the eternal one, the lord who knows eternal knowledge!

No. XXXVI.

This grant is on three plates, about 5"·2 long by 2"·3 broad. The ring connecting the plates is about 0"·3 thick, and is almost a circle 2"·3 in diameter. The seal is oval,—1"·5 by 0"·9; whatever device or writing may have been on it is now illegible. The characters are small and neatly cut, and are for the most part very well preserved.

The plates record a grant by Mṛigēśa-varavarmā, the son of Śāntivaravarmā, in the third year of his reign, which was the Pausa year.<sup>21</sup> This Mṛigēśa-varavarmā is undoubtedly the same person as Mṛigēśa, the grandson of Kākusthavarmā, who bestowed the grant recorded in No. XXI. of this Series.

#### Transcription.

##### First plate.

- [<sup>1</sup>] Siddham || Jayaty-Arhaṁs-trilōk-śāh sarva-bhūta-hitā rataḥ rāg-ādy-ari-barā  
 [<sup>2</sup>] nantō nanta-jñāna-dṛig-īśvaraḥ || Svasti Vijaya-Vaija[ya\*]ntya[m<sup>12</sup>] Svāmi-Mahāśēna-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] mātri-gaṇ-ānuddhyā(dhyā)t-ābhishiktānām<sup>13</sup> Mānava-sagotrāṇām Hṛiti-putrāṇām  
 [<sup>4</sup>] A(ā)ṅgirasūṁ pratikṛita-svāddhyā(dhyā)ya-charchchukān[m<sup>14</sup>] sad-dharmma-sad-ambā-  
 nā(nām) Kadambānām anēka-janmāntar-ō-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] pārijita-vipula-puṇya-skandhaḥ śhava-ārjita-parama-ruchira-dṛiḍa(dha)-satvaḥ viśuddh-  
 ānvaya-

##### Second plate; first side.

- [<sup>6</sup>] prakṛity-ānēka-paruṣa-para(rat)parā-gatē jagat-pradīpa-bhūtē mahaty-a<sup>15</sup>dit-ōditē Kāku-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] śh-ānvayē Śrī-Śāntivaravarmma-tenayaḥ Śrī-Mṛigēśavaravarmma ātmanah rājyasya  
 [<sup>8</sup>] tṛitīyē varṣhē Pausḥē suivatsarē Kārttika-māsa-bahula-pakṣhē daśamyām  
 [<sup>9</sup>] tithau Uttarābhādrapadē nakṣatrē bhīmat-Paralūrē tridāsa-pati-makuta-paripṛi(ghṛi)abta-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] chāru-charaṇēbhyaḥ param-Ārhad dēvōbhyaḥ saṁmārjjan-ōpālḍḍan-ābhyaṛchchana-bhagna-  
 samskāra-

substance of that greatness during the four months of the rainy season.' Yāpanya, as the name of a sect, is not explained in Monier Williams' Dictionary. Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅ suggests that it may mean 'those who are to go away, i.e. mendicants who are going about and not stationary.' The Canarese Translator takes it as equivalent to *Khapayaka*, 'a Jain mendicant, who wears no garments'; but this would only give it the same meaning as *Nirvanika*, whereas, from the two terms being both used in No. XXI, l. 9, they must have distinct and separate meanings.

<sup>19</sup> *Bhagna-anēśakāra*, here and in No. XXXVI, l. 10, and *bhagna-ārjya*, in No. XXXVII, l. 24, seem to mean

much the same as *khanda-ārjya* in No. XXXVI of other inscriptions.

<sup>20</sup> i.e. 'the Arhat.'

<sup>21</sup> See the remarks at vol. VI., p. 22b. and p. 24a, note 7.

<sup>12</sup> This letter,—m,—seems to have been omitted in the original, and the place left blank in which it should have been written.

<sup>13</sup> This letter,—m,—is followed in the original by the letter na. This last is superficial and unmeaning, and seems to have been partially erased after having been engraved.

<sup>14</sup> The same remark as note 13 above.

<sup>15</sup> The vowel,—u,—is faintly discernible in the original, but does not come out well in the facsimile.

*Second plate; second side.*

- [<sup>11</sup>] mahim-ārttham grām-āpara-dig-vibhāga-sūa-ābhyantarē rāja-mānōna chatvārimśan-nivarttanam kṛishṇa-bhūmitanāṁ  
 [<sup>12</sup>] kshētram chatvāri<sup>10</sup> kshētra-nivarttanam<sup>10</sup> cha<sup>10</sup> chaityālayasya bahiḥ ēkaṁ nivarttanam<sup>10</sup> pupp(śhp)-ārttham<sup>10</sup>  
 [<sup>13</sup>] dēva-kulasy-aṅganāṁ-cha ēkaṁ nivarttanam-ēva sarvva-parihāra-yuktam dattavān  
 [<sup>14</sup>] mahārājah [||\*] Lōbhād-adharmād-vā yā(yō) sy-ābhihartā sa pañcha-mahāpātaka-samyuktō bhavati  
 [<sup>15</sup>] yō sy-ābhirakshitā sa tat-puṇya-phala-bhāg-bhavati [||\*] Uktāṁ-cha [||\*] Bahubhir-vvasadhā bhuktā

*Third plate.*

- [<sup>16</sup>] rājabhis-Sagar-ādibhiḥ yasya yasya yadā bhūmih tasya tasya tadā phala[m] [||\*] Svadattam para-(da)ttam(ttām) vā  
 [<sup>17</sup>] yō harēta vasundharā(rām) shashṭiṁ varsha-sahasrāṇi narakē pachyatē tu sah [||\*] Adbhirdattam tribhir-bhuktam  
 [<sup>18</sup>] sadbhiḥ-cha paripālitaṁ ētāni na nivarttantē pūrva-rāja-kṛitāni cha [||\*] Svan-dātum  
 [<sup>19</sup>] su-mahach-ebhakyam duḥkham-any-ārttha-pālanam dānam vā pālanam v-ēti dānach-ehhrēyō nupālana[m] [||\*]  
 [<sup>20</sup>] Parama-dhārmikēya Dāmakirti-bhōjakēna likhit-ēyam patṭikā [||\*] Iti siddhir-astu [||\*]

*Translation.*

It is accomplished! Victorious is the Arhat, the lord of the three worlds, who delights in the welfare of all people, the destroyer of passion and other (mental) enemies, the eternal one, the lord who knows eternal knowledge!

Hail! At the victorious (city of) Vaijaya<sup>21</sup>nti, Śrī-Mṛigēśavaravarmā,—who was the Great King<sup>22</sup> of the Kadambas, who are consecrated by having meditated on the mothers of Svāmī-Mahāsēna, who are of the lineage of Mānavya, who are the descendants of Hāriti, who are of the sons of Aṅgiras, who have adopted the system of private study and inquiry, and who are as good fathers to the true religion; who acquired a great quantity of religious merit in many other (previous) births; who achieved brilliant and steadfast courage in battle; and who was the son of Śrī-Śāntivaravarmā, in the family of Kākustha, which has been continued by a succession of many men according to the nature of a pure lineage, and which has become the lamp of the world, and is great, and has risen higher and higher,—in the third year of his reign, in the Pausa year, on the tenth lunar day in the dark fortnight of the month Kārttika, under the Uttarābhadrā-

pad a constellation, at (the village of) the greater Paralūra, gave to the divine supreme Arhata, whose beautiful feet are rubbed by the tiara of the lord of the gods (who bows down to perform obeisance to them), for the purposes of the glory of sweeping out (the temple) and anointing (the idol with ghes) and performing worship and repairing anything that may be broken, a black-soil field, (of the measure of) forty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, within the boundaries of the western division of the village,—and a field (of the measure of) four *nivartanas*<sup>23</sup>,—and (a field of the measure of) one *nivartana* outside the chaitya-hall, for the purpose of (decorating the idol with) flowers,—and the courtyard of the temple, (measuring) one *nivartana*,—entirely free from taxation.

He, who confiscates this (grant) through greed or impiety, incurs the guilt of the five great sins; he, who preserves it, enjoys the reward of that same meritorious act! And it has been said:—Land has been enjoyed by many kings, from Sagar downwards; (&c.)! He is tormented in hell for the duration of sixty thousand years, (&c.)! That (grant) which is bestowed with libations of water, (&c.)! It is very easy to bestow one's own property, (&c.)!

<sup>21</sup> Probably what is intended is *chatvar-nivarttanam* kshētram *cha*.

<sup>22</sup> This word is followed by a mark, which resembles the letter *ya*, but the meaning of which is not obvious. It may have been engraven by mistake for the letter *śa*, the first of the following word, which was then repeated, and formed

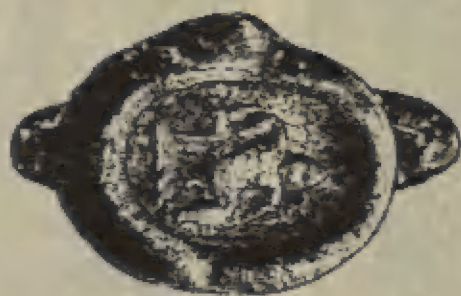
correctly, in the next line.

<sup>23</sup> Vasavād; the modern Banavādi.

<sup>24</sup> Mahārājah has to be brought back to this place from l. 14. in order to govern the genitive case *Kadambādām*.

<sup>25</sup> See note 19 to the transcription.





SEAL

KADAMBA GRANT OF MṚGĒŚAVARMĀ.

# ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय

[illegible]

ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ॥ १ ॥  
 श्रीकृष्णाय नमः ॥ २ ॥  
 श्रीगुरुभ्यो नमः ॥ ३ ॥  
 श्रीगणेशाय नमः ॥ ४ ॥  
 श्रीविष्णवे नमः ॥ ५ ॥  
 श्रीशिवाय नमः ॥ ६ ॥  
 श्रीब्रह्माय नमः ॥ ७ ॥  
 श्रीमहेश्वराय नमः ॥ ८ ॥  
 श्रीनारायणाय नमः ॥ ९ ॥  
 श्रीरामाय नमः ॥ १० ॥  
 श्रीलक्ष्मणाय नमः ॥ ११ ॥  
 श्रीसुग्रीवाय नमः ॥ १२ ॥  
 श्रीहनुमताय नमः ॥ १३ ॥  
 श्रीकालिकाय नमः ॥ १४ ॥  
 श्रीदुर्गाय नमः ॥ १५ ॥  
 श्रीकामाक्ष्याय नमः ॥ १६ ॥  
 श्रीललाय नमः ॥ १७ ॥  
 श्रीपद्मिनीय नमः ॥ १८ ॥  
 श्रीसतीय नमः ॥ १९ ॥  
 श्रीमहादेव्याय नमः ॥ २० ॥  
 श्रीमहाशक्तिाय नमः ॥ २१ ॥  
 श्रीमहादेव्याय नमः ॥ २२ ॥  
 श्रीमहाशक्तिाय नमः ॥ २३ ॥  
 श्रीमहादेव्याय नमः ॥ २४ ॥  
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 श्रीमहाशक्तिाय नमः ॥ २९ ॥  
 श्रीमहादेव्याय नमः ॥ ३० ॥



This charter has been written by the very pious Dāmakīrti, the *Bhōjaka*. May there be success!

## No. XXXVII.

This is another grant of Mṛigēśa, or Mṛigēśavarmā, as he is here called, on four plates, about 8''·0 long by 2''·5 broad. The ring, on which the plates are strung, is rather bent, but seems to be properly circular, about 2''·5 in diameter; it is 0''·2 thick. The seal is oval, — 1''·2 by 1''·0. The device on it is very indistinct, but seems to be a sitting or kneeling figure of a god or man, probably of Jinēndra. The characters are large and bold, and extremely well preserved.

The grant is dated in the fourth year of Mṛigēśa's reign; but, as in the other Kadamba grants, there is no reference to any

other era. The grant is also dated in the *eighth* fortnight of the rainy season. I have had occasion to remark on this at vol. VI., p. 28, and should have noted there the expression in No. XXII., l. 17, *śāstrikāṁśa chaturō māśm*, 'during the four months of the rainy season.' A significant trace of the primitive division of the year into three seasons only is to be found in the sacrifices called *chaturmāsya*, or 'four-monthly' sacrifices, performed on the full-moons of P h ā l g u ṇ a (February-March), Ā ṣ ā ḍ ṣ h a (June-July), and K ā r t t i k a (October-November).

It is worthy of remark, in passing, that, — whereas in No. XXXVI. Mṛigēśa's third year is called a 'Pauṣha year', and in No. XXI. his eighth year is called a 'Vaiśākha year' — no such term is applied in the present grant to his fourth year.

## Transcription.

## First plate.

- [<sup>1</sup>] Siddham || Vijaya-Vaijayantyaṁ Svāmi-Mahāsōna-mātri-gaṇ-a(ā)naddhyā(dhyā)t-ā  
 [<sup>2</sup>] bhishiktasya Mānavya-sagōtrasya Hāriti-putrasya pratikṛita-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] charchchā-pāra[ga\*]sya vibudha-pratibimbānām Kadambānām dharmma-mahārāja-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] aya Śrī-vijaya-śiva-Mṛigēśavarmmaṇaḥ vijay-āyur-ārōgya-aiśvarya-

## Second plate; first side.

- [<sup>5</sup>] pravarddhana-karaḥ saṁvva(va)tsaral chaturthah varshā-pakṣah aṣṭamah tithih  
 [<sup>6</sup>] paurnamāsi [ | \* ] Anay-ānupūrvy-ānā(nā)ka-janmāntar-ōpārjita-vipula-pa-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] nva-skandhaḥ su-viśuddha-pitri-mātri-varṣah ubhaya-lōka-priya-hita-  
 [<sup>8</sup>] kar-ānēka-śāstr-ārthha-tatva-vijñāna-vivēchha(cha)na-vinivishṭa-viśāl-ōdāra-matiḥ  
 [<sup>9</sup>] hasty-aśv-ārōhaṇa-praharaṇ-ādishu vyāyūmikishu bhūmishu yathā-

## Second plate; second side.

- [<sup>10</sup>] vat-kṛita-śramah dakṣhō dakṣiṇah naya-vinaya-kusalah nai(anā)k-āha-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] v-ārjita-parama-dṛiḍa(dha)-satvah udātta-buddhi-dhairya-virya-tyāga-sampannah  
 [<sup>12</sup>] su-mahati samara-saṁkatō sva-bhūja-bala-parākram-āvāpta-vipu-  
 [<sup>13</sup>] la-aiśvaryaḥ samyak-prajā-pālana-parah sva-jana-ko<sup>22</sup>muda-  
 [<sup>14</sup>] vana-prabōdhana-śāśāṅkah dōva-dvija-guru-sādhujanōbhyaḥ gō-bhū-

## Third plate; first side.

- [<sup>15</sup>] mi-hiraṇya-śayan-āchchhādan-āna-ādi(dy)-nai(anā)ka-vidha-pradāna-nityah vidvat-suhri-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] t-svajana-sāmāny-ōpabhujyamāna-mahā-vibhavaḥ ādi-kāla-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] rāja-vṛtti-ānusāri dharmma-mahārājaḥ Kadambānām Śrī-vijaya-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] śiva-Mṛigēśavarmma Kālavāṅgā-grāmam tridhā vibhajya dattavān [ || \* ]

## Third plate; second side.

- [<sup>19</sup>] Atra pūrvvām-Arhaḥ-ohhālā-parama-puṣkala-sṭhāna-nivāsibhyaḥ  
 [<sup>20</sup>] bhagavad-Arhan-mahā-Jinēndra-dēvatā<sup>23</sup>bhyaḥ ōkō bhāgah  
 [<sup>21</sup>] dvitīyō Rhat-prōkta-sad-dharmma-karaṇa-parasya<sup>24</sup> Śvōtapaṭa-mahāśra-  
 [<sup>22</sup>] māṇa-saṅgh-ōpabhōgāya<sup>25</sup> tritīyō Nirgrantha-mahāśramaṇa-saṅgh-ō-  
 [<sup>23</sup>] pabhōgāy-ōti [ || \* ] Atra dōva-bhāga-dhānya-dōva-pūja-bali-charu-

<sup>22</sup> Between the letters *ka* and *mu* there is the letter *da*, partially engraved and erased as being out of place.

<sup>23</sup> In the original *dhyā* was first engraved, and it was then altered into *tā*, by partial erasure of the *ya* and part of the *dh*, and by the addition of the vowel *ā*.

<sup>24</sup> The meaning is clear, but the construction is bad and should be either *karana-parasya Svōtapaṭa-mahāśramaṇa-saṅghāya upabhōgāya*, or *karana-paro Svōtapaṭa-mahāśramaṇa-saṅgh-ōpabhōgāya*.

## Fourth plate.

- [<sup>14</sup>] dēva-karmmakara-bhagnakriyā-pravarttan-ādy-artih-ōpayōgāya      śtat=śvaṃ  
 [<sup>15</sup>] nyāya-labdhām dēva-bhōga-samayēna yō bhirakshati sa tat-phala-bhā-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] g=bhavati yō vināśyēt=sa pañcha-mahāpātaka-samyuktō bhavati [ || • ]  
 [<sup>17</sup>] Uktāñ=cha [ 1\* ] Bahubhir=vvasudhā bhuktā rājabbis=Sagar-ādibhih yasya yasya  
 [<sup>18</sup>] yadā bhūmis=tasya tasya tadā phalam || Naravara-sōnāpatinā likhitā [ || • ]

## Translation.

It is accomplished ! At the victorious (*city of*) *Vaijayanṭi*, (*it was*<sup>27</sup>) the lunar day of the full moon, the eighth fortnight of the rainy season, and the fourth year, productive of victory and long life and health and wealth, (*of the reign*) of the victorious and prosperous Śrī-Mṛigēśavarmā, who was consecrated by having meditated on the assemblage of the mothers of Svāmi-Mahāsēna; who was of the lineage of Mānavya; who was the descendant of Hāriti; who was thoroughly well versed in the system of inquiry that he adopted; and who was the pious Great King of the Kadambas, who are the counterparts of gods.

The victorious and prosperous Śrī-Mṛigēśavarmā, the pious Great King of the Kadambas,—who had acquired great religious merit in many other births antecedent to this (*date mentioned above*); who was of a pure lineage on both the paternal and the maternal side; whose great and noble mind busied itself in learning and investigating the true meaning of the many sacred writings which effect that which is pleasant and that which is beneficial in both worlds; who had properly exercised himself in manly sports, comprising the riding on elephants and horses, and the use of weapons, and other things; who was clever; who was skilful; who was expert in the art of government and in propriety of conduct; who acquired great and steadfast courage in many fights; who was possessed of noble intellect and firmness and courage and liberality; who achieved great wealth by the strength and prowess of his own arm in great stress of war; who was devoted to properly protecting his

subjects; who was a very moon to cause to blossom the lotuses which were his own relatives; who was constant in making gifts of cows and land and gold and couches and clothing and food and many other things to gods and the twice-born and spiritual preceptors and holy men; whose great wealth was being enjoyed equally by learned men and his friends and his own kindred; and who imitated the conduct of kings of primitive times,—divided the village of Kālavāṅgā into three portions, and bestowed it. Among them, firstly, one share was for the holy Arhat and the great god Jinēndra, who inhabited the supreme and excellent place (*called*) 'the hall of the Arhat.' The second was for the enjoyment of the sect of eminent ascetics called Śvōtapata<sup>28</sup>, which was intent on practising the true religion declared by the Arhat. The third was for the enjoyment of the sect of eminent ascetics called Nirgrantha<sup>29</sup>.

He reaps the reward of that same (*act of piety*), who, on the understanding that it is for the enjoyment of the god, preserves this (*grant*) which has been duly acquired, (*and applies it*) for the use of the grain which is the portion of the god, and the worship of the god, and the oblation, and the *charu*<sup>30</sup>, and the performer of the rites of the god, and the maintenance of the repair of whatever may be broken, and other objects; he, who may destroy it, incurs the guilt of the five great sins!

And it has been said:—Land has been enjoyed by many kings, from Sagara downwards; (&c.)!

(*This charter has been*) written by the General, Naravara.

<sup>27</sup> *Asit*, or *abhāt*, has to be supplied after *paurāṇam* in l. 6.

<sup>28</sup> *Śvōtapata*, or *Śvōtāmbara*,—a sect of Jain ascetics who wear white clothes.

<sup>29</sup> *Nirgrantha*,—a sect of Jain ascetics who wear no clothes.

<sup>30</sup> *Charu*,—a preparation of rice, barley, and pulse, boiled with butter and milk, for presentation to a god.



# WHERE WAS THE SOUTHERN CHARITRAPURA MENTIONED BY HIWEN THSANG?

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It is well known that Hiwen Thsang mentions<sup>1</sup> two ports on the Coromandel coast both of which he calls Charitrapura, and from which, he informs us, the traffic with the further East was conducted. The most northern of these was in the far north;<sup>2</sup> the southern Charitrapura has been usually asserted to have been what is now called Negapatam, but the reasons for this position appear to me to be without foundation, and the identification seems a mere guess. Hiwen Thsang describes this port as being in the north-east of the kingdom of Malakûta (as Stanislas Julien rightly rendered the name), but this kingdom has not as yet been identified. I shall now show that a Tamil inscription of the 11th century A.D. helps to clear up the matter in a satisfactory way; but it is first necessary to take the excellent Chinese monk's account of the kingdom of Malakûta and its surroundings, for his statements in this respect afford substantial proof of the correctness of the new identification which I shall here propose.

He mentions, first of all, the kingdom of Drâviḍa, the capital of which, he says, is *Kien-chi-pu-lo*, which corresponds to Kāñchipura or Conjeeveram. This is, therefore, the neighbourhood of the modern Madras, and corresponds to the territory of the Pallava kings, with whom Sir Walter Elliot first made us acquainted. Hiwen Thsang adds of himself: "En partant de ce pays, il fit environ trois mille li au sud, et arriva au royaume de *Mo-lo-kin-ch'a* (Malakûta)."<sup>3</sup>

He says (p. 122): "Au sud . . . s'élèvent les monts *Mo-la-ye* (Malayas) . . . (p. 124) Lorsqu'on sort de *Malakûta* dans la direction du nord-est, sur le bord de la mer, on rencontre une ville (nommée *Ché-li-ta-lo*—(Charitrapura); c'est la route des voyageurs qui vont dans le royaume de *Seng-kia-lo* (Sinhala—Ceylon), que baigne la mer du midi. Les habitants de ce pays rapportent que, lorsqu'on s'embarque pour le quitter, après avoir fait environ trois mille li

au sud-est, on arrive au royaume de *Seng-kia-lo* (Sinhala—Ceylon)."<sup>4</sup>

It appears that Hiwen Thsang returned to Kāñchipura from Malakûta, and thence went to Koñkapa-pura,<sup>5</sup> the modern Koñkapa-halli, in Maisur. It is thus evident that Madurâ and the extreme south of India cannot be intended by Malakûta; and again, if this be assumed to be Madurâ, and Charitrapura be assumed to be Negapatam, it is difficult to understand the statement that Charitrapura was in the north-east of the kingdom.

No doubt the Pāṇḍya kings of Madurâ for some time held in subjection what is now the Tanjor province, and what was once the best part of the Chola kingdom, but how could their northern limit be ever about Negapatam? It must either have been north of the delta of the Kāveri, or have been south of the almost uninhabited country which separates the fertile parts of Tanjor from the fertile parts of Madurâ. Again, Hiwen Thsang (even making great allowances for his necessarily defective geography) could hardly have said that the Malaya mountains are south of Malakûta if the last be Madurâ: for if he had visited that place he would have seen them, and would necessarily have put them in the west. Orientals never err in directions, at all events.

Again, if we look at the text of Hiwen Thsang a little closely, it will be evident that in speaking of the kingdoms of the south of India he did not intend that they should be regarded as coterminous. His kingdoms—as the measurements he gives show—were composed of the deltas of rivers and similar fertile tracts; the large extent of barren and almost uninhabited land which then, as now, separated the fertile tracts was regarded by him as neutral land. Thus his Drâviḍa is the small Pallava kingdom composed of the fertile territory near Kāñchipuram; the next kingdom would naturally be in the delta of the Kāveri and Kolerû.

<sup>1</sup> *Pélerinage Bouddhiste*, tom. I. p. 164; tom. III. pp. 90, 124.

<sup>2</sup> *Ché-li-ta-lo* (Charitra)—in Chinese *Fu-hing-ch'ing*—'the city of departure'—in the south-east of the kingdom of *U-ch'a* (Uda) is placed by M. de St.-Martin at the northern mouth of the Brâhmapûtra in Orissa; Cunningham supposes it was at Puri (*Asiatic Researches*, p. 516).—Ed.

<sup>3</sup> *Pélerinage Bouddhiste*, tom. III. p. 121.

<sup>4</sup> This is much the same description as is given by Hsü Li—*ibid.* I. pp. 193-4.

<sup>5</sup> *Koñkapa-pu-lo* (tom. III. p. 146), which Cunningham tries to identify with Annagundi on the Tungabhadra (*Asiatic Researches*, pp. 332-3); Ferguson with the capital of the Kōṅṅ kingdom (*Jour. R. As. Soc. N. S.* vol. VI. pp. 296, 306); and V. de St.-Martin, with Banavâsi (*Pélerinage Bouddhiste*, tom. III. p. 401).—Ed.

Hiwen Thsang gives his measurements of distance with a great show of accuracy in *li*, but the great difficulty is to ascertain what *li* he used, for the value of this measure has varied enormously<sup>a</sup> in China at different periods. It is also unsafe to attach any great value to these distances given by him, as it is obvious that he could have had no means of accurately determining the distances he travelled, and that he must have used round terms.

Thus the only safe *data* to be derived from Hiwen Thsang's journal as regards the position of this Charitrapura are:—(1) It was in the north-east corner of Malakûta; (2) Malakûta was the kingdom next on the south to the Drâviḍa kingdom, of which the capital was Kāñchiparam. Other considerations render it very unlikely that Charitrapura is the modern Negapatam,<sup>1</sup> but it is unnecessary to mention them here.

The new information that I am able to bring to bear on this question is derived from the great Tamil inscription of Kulottuṅga (Vira) Chola which surrounds the shrine of the chief temple at Tanjor. Kulottuṅga (who reigned from 1064 to 1113 A.D.) was a great benefactor to this temple, and the inscription records gifts and endowments made by him, as well as others, from about 1067 to the end of the century. Among the endowments by others than the king we find one by the community (*Sabbhaiyār*) of Malakûtachûḍāmanichaturvedimaṅgalam, which is said to be in the Avûrkûram of Nittavinodavaṇṇāḍu. The meaning of the name of the village is plain: the Brâhmanical settlement of Chaturvedimaṅgalam was

'Malakûtachûḍāmani,' or 'an ornament of (the kingdom of) Malakûta,' and indeed it comes nearly first in the list of endowments by private persons; it was in the subdivision (*kūṛram*) of Avûr, which was, therefore, in Malakûta. Now Avûr is still a well-known place, and it is situated some five or six miles south-west of Kumbakonam. All the other places mentioned in this part of the inscription are also near Tanjor.

It follows, therefore, that Malakûta was the name of the kingdom comprised, roughly speaking, in the delta of the Kâveri; the name itself appears to be that of a former suburb of the actual Kumbakonam, which was probably then the capital; perhaps Suvāimalai is the modern representative of it. If, then, we look to the north-east of the Kâveri delta, and recollect that Charitrapura is a mere epithet, there can be no difficulty in identifying Hiwen Thsang's port with Kâveripattanam, the once famous port at the mouth of the Kâveri, and which is mentioned by Ptolemy (in the second century) as *Chaboris emporium*.

Legends of its importance are still current, and it was the native place of a famous Tamil poet—*Pattanattu Pillai*. It seems to have finally ceased to be a place of importance in the fifteenth century, partly owing to the gradual silting up of the bed of the Kâveri; and nothing now remains but a few sandy mounds with fragments of brick strowed over them, and traces here and there of temples. The establishment of Negapatam by the Telugu chiefs of Tanjor as their chief port was probably a result of the decay of the original Pattanam.

#### ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

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##### No. XVII.—Some Hindu Snake-notions.

An attempt is here made to bring together some notions and superstitions respecting snakes that I have met from time to time in India. It is not presumed to do more than touch the deep and difficult subject of the origin and meaning of the old Nāga worship, Nāga races, and Nāga sculptures and mythology. Works like Mr. Fergusson's *Tree and Serpent Worship*, and

treatises by great Orientalists, warn amateur intruders from such ground. I would only remark that the dread of the snake is as strong amongst peoples of all nations and colours as ever it was in the ages of fetish or totem worship. Amongst the civilized it is generally a sentiment of unreasoning horror at the sight or idea of any snake, whilst amongst the uncivilized,

<sup>a</sup> I owe this important information to my friend Mr. Gronoveldt.

<sup>1</sup> Conf. Cunningham's *Anc. Geog.* p. 560; and *Jour. R. As. Soc. N. S.* vol. VI. p. 266.—Ed.



religious awe and veneration are superadded. In all ages and degrees of culture, however, mere observation of a snake is sufficient, to a very considerable extent, to account for this. It is seldom, perhaps, that a snake is seen, especially by Europeans, when unsuspecting and unalarmed. Notice of the neighbourhood of one is always the signal for immediate attack and pursuit. But whoever may have watched a serpent that perceived not that it was observed will know what a different feeling it excites to that aroused by any other creature, however ferocious. The presence of neither tiger, leopard, nor wild elephant calls up a like sort of apprehension. The fixed malicious intelligence of its eyes, so different from the eyes of other animals, the mystery of its motion, and the idea suggested of swift, unescapable deadly attack, all convey a peculiar thrill of alarm. There were three things that were too wonderful even for the wisest of kings, and one of them was "the way of a serpent upon a rock." Weird and unearthly indeed it is, and the serpent-priests of Epidaurus and Asia Minor watched for it as they sang their adjuration, "Come! come! come! emerge from thy cavern! Swift one who runnest without feet, captor who takest without hands! Sinuous as the rivers, coiled as the sun, black with spots of gold like the sky sown with stars! Like the tendrils of the vine and the convolutions of the entrails! Unengendered! eater of earth! always young! good to men! Come! come! come! emerge from thy cavern!" Its secret and silent habits and long endurance may have inspired its ancient renown for subtlety above all beasts. From its dwelling in caves and crevices, it knew all the secrets and treasures of the under-world, and often bore the choicest gems upon its forehead; and when men saw the "quick cross lightning" of the storm, or the silent wavering streamers of the evening sky, they believed that serpents were in the gods' world too. Because the cunning of all creatures of the fields, woods, and waters was gathered together in the snake, any one who tasted its flesh or blood forthwith knew the speech of all fowls, and became wise in the ways of beast-kind. So it has always

been that men have everywhere looked with fear or veneration upon the snake.<sup>1</sup>

The Hindus have notions of their own too. They say that snakes have twenty-four legs, which are invisible to the eye of men,—possibly taking this idea from centipedes. For twenty-six days after birth, moreover, they have no poison, but on the twenty-seventh day they spread out their hoods to the sun and dance, and the rays striking upon the four upper fangs ripen and fill them with poison. Each of the four fangs has its own name,—*Kāli*, *Kālasi*, *Yāman*, and *Yāmathūtan*,—all names of deadly meaning, and each inflicts its own peculiar sort of wound, and the poison from each has its own way of operation. The first-named fang leaves a mark like a cross, and a clear fluid exudes from the wound; the poison instilled (which in all cases remains stationary for a hundred seconds, except in the case of a bite from a young snake whose venom has just been animated by the sun on its twenty-seventh day, when death is instantaneous) rises in the skin. The second fang leaves a triangular wound, whence a yellow fluid issues, and the venom rises in the flesh. The fang *Yāman* makes a hook-shaped mark; blood comes from it, and the poison rises in the bones. The fourth fang inflicts a curved puncture, a whitish fluid exudes, and the poison goes up into the marrow. Sometimes a small sharp tooth grows with the four fangs; a wound from this, as also from the fourth fang, *Yāmathūtan*, is always deadly. But it is consolatory to reflect that both are imaginary, and that only two poison-fangs can be found in the jaw of the worst-disposed snake. A bite is held to be fatal on any of these places,—the head, the lip, the chin, the breast, the navel, the palm of the hand, and the sole of the foot; fatal also if inflicted in a ruined house or uninhabited place, in a temple, cemetery, or dry tank, amongst reeds or bamboos, near a banyan or tamarind tree, by an idol-car or cross-ways; at morning, evening, or during sleep. Again, a wound is fatal if, after biting, the snake spreads its hood and dances, lies motionless, or chases the man: also if the wound bleeds and the limbs tremble, it will be fatal; or if the eyes sink and

<sup>1</sup> When it is considered that the deaths from snake-bites officially reported in 1869 in Malabar alone were of men 186, of cattle 625, and the total number of deaths of men in British India in the same year were 11,416; that such

totals are concluded from very inadequate returns, and that it is more than probable the annual deaths from bites are not fewer than 20,000,—another great and obvious cause for the dread of serpents will be recognised.

the limbs swell, and the lips, nails, and palms grow dark, death will follow. Effects, too, depend upon the state of the snake; a bite from one laying her eggs causes the eyes of the sufferer to become red and inflamed; if the snake be a strong young female the left eye is lost; if a male, the right eye. A bite from a black snake makes the ears deaf.

There are some other notions respecting snake-bites, so fantastic as to be hardly worth setting down were they not a part of folk-lore. The Tamil people have eight cardinal points, named after eight deities: to wit, *Indran* (north-east), *Varunan* (east), *Agni* (south-east), *Yâman* (south), *Kâtu* (south-west), *Śivan* (west), *Niruthi* (north-west), *Kuveran* (north). Now if a messenger bringing intelligence of any person having been bitten comes from *Indran*, *Varunan*, *Yâman*, or *Kuveran*, the snake that bit was a male; if from *Agni*, *Śivan*, or *Niruthi*, a female; if from *Kâtu*, a man has not been bitten, but a beast. If a messenger from the east begins his announcement with broad *A*, one fang has entered; if with *U* three fangs; if with long *A*, two; if with *E*, all the four; and so on, with variations according to the point from which the message came. But from whatever point an announcement may come that begins with *O* it is not to be believed. More fantastic still, it is to be understood that no one breathes through both nostrils at the same moment, but alternately, using them in turn for an hour and a half each. Now if a person announcing a snake-bite comes first on the side of the breathing nostril, and then, whilst speaking, crosses over to the other side, the bitten person will have died; if contrariwise,—that is, if the messenger approaches on the side of the stopped nostril, and, after telling his tale, crosses to the breathing side, the bitten one will recover!

There is a great deal of serpent-worship in South Kânara, on the western coast; and on one of the highest mountains of the Ghâts, named *Subramanya*, there is one of the most famous serpent-temples in India. The locality is extremely wild and feverish, excessively so during the cold and dry seasons; nevertheless great numbers of pilgrims resort thither, especially during the December festival called *Kukka Shasti*, when a great cattle-

fair is also held at the foot of the mountain. The temple has no architectural pretensions, being indeed mostly constructed of laterite, the sanctuary in the centre, containing the idol *Subbaraya*,<sup>\*</sup> being of granite. It is square in form with an open cloister running round the four sides, and numbers of the 'coiling folk' reside in it in holes and crevices made for them. Numbers of persons who have made vows roll and wriggle round the temple serpent-fashion, and some will even roll up to it from the foot of the hill, a mile distant. They also take home with them some earth from the sacred serpent-holes. This earth is believed to cleanse from leprosy if rubbed on the parts affected, and to remove the stigma of barrenness from women if a little be daily put in the mouth. This serpentine body-rolling, called *aṅgā-pratāchinam*, is practised also further south, where small snake-temples—in Tamil, *Nāga-kovil*—are not unfrequent. I have seen one not far from the town of *Madurâ*, on the bank of the *Vaigai* river; the only images in it were large painted cobras with gaping red mouths; and there are men in *Madurâ* who for payment will perform any number of rollings round it as proxies for persons who have vowed them. These rollings are done very rapidly, with great fury and vociferation. I may also mention another remarkable serpent-shrine. Deep in the *Travankor* forests, on the bank of one of the many rivers flowing thence to the western sea, there is a small granite temple wonderfully sculptured, considering its situation; and in the bed of the river opposite there rises a tall rock called *Pâmba-pârer* ('Snake-rocks'), a glistening band, suggestive of a serpent's trail, winding round and round it from bottom to top in a very curious manner, apparently caused by micaceous veins in the rock. It is held extremely sacred, but I know not what ceremonies are practised there.

To return to South Kânara: a species of serpent-worship is in use there which I never heard of in the interior districts. The following particulars respecting it were obtained from a very intelligent native. Three afflictions are looked upon as due to the wrath of serpents for having killed a snake in a former life, namely leprosy, childlessness, and sore eyes. People so

<sup>\*</sup> *Subbaraya* = serpent-lord; the image is said to be a chapelous block.



afflicted often perform costly ceremonies to remove the curse, which are superintended by the *Mādhava Brāhmaṇa*, originally fishermen, and not acknowledged as Brāhmaṇa out of Kānara. There are two ceremonies in ordinary use. The first, generally performed by a childless man, is *Sarpa Sampośkara*, or 'the serpent's funeral.' The fifth, sixth, fifteenth, or thirtieth of the month is chosen, and the family priest called to preside. The childless or afflicted penitent bathes and dresses himself in silk or linen attire, a spot in the house is chosen and the priest sprinkles some consecrated rice about it, to drive away any lurking devil, and then he and the penitent sit side by side on two wooden stools, kneading rice or wheat flour into dough. He then makes the figure of a serpent, and with many muttered holy *mantras* is believed to animate the figure, and transform it for the time into a live serpent. Milk and sugar are then offered to it, and it is worshipped as a deity. After this other *mantras* are said, undoing the spell previously wrought, and taking away the life that was given. The serpent being dead, the penitent assumes the garb of mourning, and shaves off his beard and moustaches. He then carries the figure on his head to the bank of a river, where he reverentially places it upon a pile. The figure is then fenced round with chips of sandalwood and camphor, and melted butter poured over all. The pile is then lit with fire brought by the penitent from his own house with a vow that it shall be used only for burning the serpent-god. When burnt the ashes are thrown into the river. The penitent is considered unholy and must not be touched for three days. On the fourth day the funeral of the serpent-god ends with an entertainment to eight unmarried youths below the age of twenty; they are held to represent eight serpents, and are treated with the utmost respect. This curious symbolical ceremony evidently denotes penitence and amends for the supposed killing of one of the sacred creatures in a former life, and the temporary ascription of serpent-nature to the young men seems a trace of the very ancient and wide-

spread idea of the transformation of men into serpents, and serpents into men, which appears almost extinct in Lower India.

The second ceremony, called *Nāgamaṇḍala*, is resorted to when that first described has failed in producing the hoped-for results. The penitent gives a great feast to his castemen and unmarried youths, who are again supposed to personate serpents. In the evening-braised rice is scattered over a spot previously selected, and the figure of a great serpent traced out in it. The figure is then worshipped, and a band of musicians summoned and well primed with toddy to sustain them in their work. They dress themselves in women's clothes and put on jewels, drumming and piping go on furiously, and the leader imitates the deity, reeling and writhing about frantically, and at times uttering words, which are devoutly attended to as though spoken by the deity; yet the musicians are low-caste people. The wild discordant music is often prolonged throughout the night.<sup>3</sup> In the *Government Annals of Indian Administration* in 1867-68 there is the following notice:—"The Manipuris are nominally Hindus, and their only priests are women called *Naiḍis*, who are treated as oracles. The Rāja's peculiar god is a species of snake called *Pakungha*, from which the royal family claims descent. When it appears, it is coaxed on to a cushion by the priestess in attendance, who then performs certain ceremonies to please it."

Snake-worship does not appear to be distinctively an Āryan cult; the Brāhmaṇs, who doubtless found it flourishing, allowed and adopted it to a certain extent, but grudgingly.\* Indications of this may be perceived in the facts that Brāhmaṇs avoid the sight of a snake, and hold meeting one to be the worst of omens, sufficient immediately to stop any undertaking. No Brāhmaṇ acts as a priest in any serpent rites, and there are no temples where the walls and pillars are so crowded with snake sculptures as the temples of the Jains in Southern India, ever the deadly foes of the Brāhmaṇs. It is within and around Jaina temples, too, that the 'snake-

<sup>3</sup> Other accounts of snake-worship in India will be found in the *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 6, and vol. IV. pp. 83, 126-7, where it will be seen that in *Kāthiāwār* the idea of serpent transformation is still in full force. See, too, vol. II. p. 124, and vol. IV. pp. 6-8. To these must especially be added the very full and learned account of "Serpent-worship in Western India" given by Rāo Sāheb Vīraṅkṭha Nārāyaṇa Maṇḍlik at pp. 169 et seqq. of vol. IX. of the *Jour. As. Soc. B.*

*R. As. Soc.*; the ceremonies detailed above are recounted by him so minutely as to render my notice superfluous but for some local variations and particulars. See, too, *Tree and Serpent Worship*, 2nd ed. Appendix D.

\* Even when depicted in connection with Brāhmaṇical gods as overshadowing or guarding Śiva, Nārāyaṇa, &c., it is in a subordinate capacity.

stones,' of which a typical collection will be seen delineated at page 5, vol. IV. of the *Ind. Ant.*, are most numerous. These stones, which mostly have an appearance of extreme antiquity, were thought by the late Mr. Boswell to be possibly a remnant of the earliest tribes who preceded the Skythian invaders, and the oldest representations of native art existing in the country (*Ind. Ant.* vol. I. pp. 150, 372). However this may be,—and probably investigation and evidence would fail to support the hypothesis,—there is yet something strange and mysterious about these serpent-stones. They mostly have an appearance of extreme antiquity, blurred, worn, and mouldered by age, and though all castes regard them with some sort of awe or superstitious respect, none appear to claim them as specially pertaining to themselves. None will point at them, as it is believed the finger that so pointed would rot and drop from the hand. Women lay offerings of flowers before them and touch the sculptured heads with paint, believing they will be thereby blessed with children, but men very seldom appear to offer them any sort of adoration. They seem apart from existing systems, and, as it were, the fossils of an extinct generation. The enigmatical figure, in what Mr. Boswell called a Skythic cap and tunic, that so often accompanies the sculptured serpent, also appears to have nothing in common with Hindus.

It may be observed that in the neighbourhood of Hassan and Hâlabid, in Maisur, a frequent subject amongst the Jaina remains is the figure of a naked woman twined with a serpent encircling the right thigh. This is *always* accompanied by a smaller figure, clothed as for a cold climate, in a posture of adoration. I have more than once heard stories of snakes showing love for women, and in 1871 the following account appeared in the *Western Star*:—

"A very extraordinary incident was lately reported to have occurred a few miles from Bêpur, in Malabar. A native female of very attractive appearance, whilst sweeping the yard of her house, heard a hissing noise behind her. Turning to see, she found to her terror a large cobra advancing towards her. Before she could fly or call for help, the snake darted at her and coiled round one of her legs, rising swiftly higher and higher till it brought its

open hood in contact with her face, there moving it to and fro like a screen. In this pitiable and frightful position she had to remain for nearly two days, without being able to lie down or sleep. None but females could approach her to feed her with milk and plantains, when it is said, the cobra turned its head to one side, allowing her to nourish herself. But on any men coming near the cobra would hiss fearfully and tighten its hold round her body in such a manner as to make her feel breathless. Many conjurors came to relieve her, but none succeeded, till a Nair from the interior, by certain charms and spells, disentangled the poor woman from her venomous lover. The snake then crept back into the bushes whence it came, and the woman is now doing well. The above occurrence is now a general talk amongst the natives."

Such an occurrence, with whatever foundation, real or fancied, may throw some light upon the Jaina sculptures, as well as upon the stories current all over the world of serpent-husbands and serpent-wives, or deities assuming serpent-shape—"a dragon's fiery form belied the god." Numberless kings and conquerors, besides Alexander, sprang from such ancestry, and the mythology and folk-lore on the subject are endless.

No. XVIII.—*Sepulchral Customs, existing and prehistoric.*

Mr. James Fergusson, in the Introductory Observations to his work *Rude Stone Monuments*, insists forcibly on the unprogressive character of savage tribes, even after long contact with the white man. They are everywhere dying out, and in all the civilized parts of Europe have long been exterminated by the progressive Aryan races, who have usurped their places. The stone implements they used, and the megalithic monuments they raised, remained, and are to-day objects of deep interest to their civilized successors, as the only clues to conjecturing their habits and history. As Mr. Fergusson remarks, it is infinitely more philosophical to reason from the known backwards; and if tribes should be discovered living in primeval wildernesses, where they may well have existed from unknown ages unchanged in habits, aloof from higher races, and if moreover amongst them monuments should be in use much resembling the vestiges of what must have been similar tribes in Europe, all such monuments and ceremonies and usages



connected with them must have a strong interest, as possibly throwing a faint light on the usages of prehistoric Europe. Elsewhere (p. 478) Mr. Fergusson has indicated the central plateau of India, especially the Nizâm's dominions, as containing probably the solution of half the difficulties, ethnological or archæological, that are now perplexing us; and it is on the north and east of that region, in the same ethnic area, that Colonel Dalton, in his *Ethnology of Bengal*, has described existing customs, which may easily have come down unchanged from stone-age periods. As his magnificent quarto, published by the Government of Bengal, is not generally accessible, a few extracts may be anthropologically and archæologically interesting.

"On the death of a respectable Ho or Mûnda,\* a very substantial coffin is constructed and placed on fagots of firewood. The body, carefully washed and anointed with oil and turmeric, is reverently laid in the coffin, and all the clothes, ornaments, and agricultural implements that the deceased was in the habit of using are placed with it, and also any money that he had about him when he died. Then the lid of the coffin is put on, and fagots placed around and above it, and the whole is burnt. The cremation takes place in front of the deceased's house. Next morning, water is thrown on the ashes, search made for bones, and a few of the larger fragments are carefully preserved, whilst the remainder, with the ashes, are buried. The selected bones are placed in a vessel of earthenware,—we may call it an urn,—and hung up in the apartment of the chief mourner,—generally the mother or widow,—that she may have them continually in view, and occasionally weep over them." Thus they remain till the very extensive arrangements necessary for their final disposal are effected. A large tombstone has to be procured, and it is sometimes so ponderous that the men of several villages are employed to move it; and some wealthy men, knowing that their successors may not have the same influence that they possess, select during their lifetime a suitable monument, and have it moved to a handy position to be used when they die. When required for use, it is brought to the family burial-place, which with the Hos is close to the houses, and near it a deep round hole is dug for the reception of the cinerary urn. When all is ready, a funeral party collect in front of the deceased's house—three or four men with very deep-toned drums, and a group of about eight

young girls. The chief mourner comes forth carrying the bones exposed on a decorated tray, and a procession is formed. The chief mourner, with the tray, leads; the girls form in two rows, those in front carry empty and partly broken pitchers and battered brass vessels; and the men with the drums bring up the rear. The procession advances with a very ghostly dancing movement, slow and solemn as a minuet, in time to the beat of the deep-toned drums—not directly, but mysteriously gliding now right, now left, now marking time, all in the same mournful cadence—a sad dead march.

"The chief mourner carries the tray generally on her head, but at regular intervals she slowly lowers it, and, as she does so, the girls also gently lower and reverse the pitchers and brass vessels, and looking up for the moment with eyes full of tears, they seem to say, 'Ah! see! they are empty.'"

In this manner the remains are taken to the house of every friend and relative of the deceased within a circle of a few miles, and to every house in the village; and, as the procession approaches each habitation in the weird-like manner described, the inmates all come out, and the tray having been placed on the ground at their door they kneel over it and mourn, shedding tears on the remains, as their last tribute of affection to their deceased friend. The bones are thus also conveyed to all his favourite haunts, to the fields he cultivated, to the grove he planted, to the tank he excavated, to the threshing-floor where he worked with his people, to the *akhrâ* or dancing arena where he made merry with them, and each spot which is hallowed with reminiscences of the deceased. When this part of the ceremony is completed, the procession returns to the village, and, slowly circling round the great stone slab, gradually approaches its goal. At last it stops; a quantity of rice, cooked and uncooked, and other food, is now cast into the grave, and the charred fragments of bone, transferred from the tray to a new earthen vessel, placed over it. The hole is then filled up and covered with the large slab, which, however, does not rest on the ground, but on smaller stones, which raise it a little. One such slab over the grave of the wife of the head-man of the village of Pokoria measured 17 feet 2 inches in length, its greatest

\* The Hos and Mûndas, branches of the great Kol family, inhabit Singhbûm and the hilly tracts bordering on Chûtâ Nâgûr.

\* Compare accounts of Toda funerals—*Ind. Ant.*, vol. III. pp. 93 and 94.

width was 9 feet 2 inches, and thickness from ten inches to a foot. Its weight was estimated at about six tons. This slab was procured in the bed of a river about three miles off. It was brought on a wagon constructed for the purpose, from three to four hundred men having been engaged in its transit.

Now here was a stone of truly megalithic proportions, placed over a sepulchral urn, just in the same way as so frequently occurs in the British Islands, Northern and Southern Europe, Northern Africa, Western Asia, and Southern India. In all those regions, however, such monuments are ascribed to prehistoric peoples and periods of which nothing certain is known; but in the wilds of Central India we find them used to-day, with rites nothing inconsistent with what may have prevailed in megalithic periods, by tribes who may in all probability have changed but little since those times, with which these tribes, rites, and monuments may quite possibly display an unbroken thread of connection. Neither does it seem too strained an inference that the urn-covering megaliths in Britain may have been procured and placed in a manner, and with ceremonies, nearly resembling those we hear of prevailing to-day in the most primitive region of the oldest country of Asia.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to the slabs on the tomb, Colonel Dalton reports that "a megalithic monument is set up to the memory of the deceased in some conspicuous spot outside the village. The pillars vary in height from 5 or 6 to 15 feet, and apparently fragments of rock of the most fantastic shape are most favoured. Close to the station of Chaibāsa, on the road to Keonghar, may be seen a group of cenotaphs of unusual size—one 11 feet 2 inches, another 13 feet, and a third 14 feet above the earth, and many others of smaller dimensions. The groups of such stones that have come under my observation in the Mūnda and Ho country are always in line. The circular arrangement so common elsewhere I have not seen."

Colonel Dalton gives a sketch by Mr. Ball, of the Geological Survey of India, of a group of four such memorial stones at Pokuria, near

Chaibāsa.<sup>2</sup> They are almost grotesque in appearance, the highest 8 feet 4 inches above ground; the first in the group is to the memory of Khandapāter, the father of Paseng, the present *mānki* (head-man) of Pokuria; the next two are to the memory of Kanchi and Samāri, young daughters of the *mānki*, and the last in memory of his son. This practice of erecting memorial stones may throw some light on the origin of *Menhirs* and of stone-worship: for it is easy to imagine how worship might come to be paid to the memorial stone of a famous man; and indeed one of the very wildest of these jungle tribes, the Kharris, are described as "setting up in the immediate vicinity of their houses tall rough slabs of stone, and to these, as representing the deceased, they make daily oblations."

Colonel Dalton also reports another prehistoric practice prevailing amongst the Abors on the Dibong river, in the valley of the Brahmaputra, on the N.E. frontier of India, which European antiquaries will at once recognize as the *contracted* form of burial:—"The rugged rocky soil on which their villages are built has probably originated a unique custom of sepulture, by which very small graves are required. The dead are trussed up so that the chin rests on the knees, and are placed in the small chamber prepared for them, in a sitting posture." Could the desire to save labour, to which Colonel Dalton ascribes this now existing custom, have had any weight in determining the contracted posture and small cists of prehistoric interments in Europe? It is noteworthy that the anti-Brāhmapical sect known as Jangama, Vira Śaivas, or Liṅgavants, also bury their dead in a sitting attitude. This is noticed by the Roman knight and traveller Pietro della Valle, who, when at the court of Venkatapa Nayik at Ikkeri, writes, under date November 13th, 1623,—"Returning home I met a corpse going to be burned without the city, with drums sounding before it. It was carried sitting in a chair, whereunto it was tied that it might not fall, clothed in its ordinary attire, exactly as if it had been

stone placed over it. Then all must bath. The money that was placed in the mouth of the corpse, and saved from the ashes, is the fee of the musicians. The person who carried the bones to the grave has to undergo purification by incense and the sprinkling of water."

<sup>2</sup> Figured in *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 292, with account by Mr. Ball.

<sup>1</sup> Elsewhere Col. Dalton describes similar customs prevailing amongst the Orāons or Dhangars of Chūtā Nāgpur, Singbhum, and Sambalpur. After burning the dead, the fragments of bones are collected and placed in an urn. "The burial-ground is always near a river, stream, or tank. As the procession proceeds with music to this place, offerings of rice are continually thrown over the cinerary urn till it is deposited in the grave prepared for it, and a large flat



alive. The seat was covered behind and on the sides with red and other colours. It was open only before, and there the dead person was to be seen. All dead people are carried thus, as well such as are buried (as the *Lingavani*, whom they also put into the earth sitting) as those that are burned." Pietro della Valle is the first European who mentions the *Jangams*. At *Ikkeri*, he says, "I saw also certain Indian Friars, whom in their language they call *Giangama*, and perhaps are the same with the sages seen by me elsewhere; but they have wives, and go with their faces smeared with ashes, yet not naked, but clad in certain extravagant habits, and a kind of hood or cowl upon their heads of dyed linen of that colour which is generally used amongst them, namely, a reddish brick-colour, with many bracelets upon their arms and legs, filled with something within that makes a jangling as they walk. I

saw many persons come to kiss their feet, and whilst such persons were kissing them, and, for more reverence, touching their feet with their foreheads, these *Giangamas* stood firm with a seeming severity, and without taking notice of it, as if they had been abstracted from the things of the world: just," he adds quaintly, "as our Friars use to do when any devout persons come out of reverence to kiss their habit, but with hypocrisy conformable to their superstitious religion." Whether the good knight meant to include both sorts of friars in 'their' does not seem clear. He also says that theking, *Venkatapa Nāyaka*, was a "*Giangamo*." So was the last Rāja of Kurg, the Rāja of Sūdā, in Kanarā, and the Rāja of Panganūr, near Chittur. In the days of Haider Ali, Nanda Rāja, ruler of Maisur, was a *Lingavani*, and the late Rāja of Maisur is stated to have worn the *liṅga* and also the Brāhmanical thread.

### HISTORY OF THE KĀNPHĀTĀS OF KACHH.

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The origin and history of the *Kānphātās* of this province is shrouded, like the origin and history of similar old orders of many countries, in fabulous accounts, specially invented to impose upon the credulity of the ignorant, with a view to inspire them with awe and reverence. However cautious the inventor of the legend may have been in placing the origin of these *Kānphātās* at a very remote period, and in ascribing to the founder of the sect the miraculous power of turning the sea between Kachh and Sindh into the present Rap, human imperfection has left its mark, to enable the present generation to fix the probable time of the origin of these, in this country at least. The history of the *Kānphātās* of Dhinosdhar is traced to *Dharmānātha*, who is said to have been one of the twenty-two disciples of *Machhendranātha*, or *Matsyendranātha*, among whom was *Gorakhnātha*, one of the most celebrated of the nine *Nāthas* or ascetics of ancient India, and about whose austerities, miracles, and resignation of the world almost every Hindu in India is well acquainted, on

account of the interesting stories sung about him by the stray musician.

The genealogy of *Machhendranātha* is given as under:—

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| 1 Niranjan Nirākār   | 5 Acheṇātha,       |
| 2 Adilaka Somanātha. | 6 Ādinātha.        |
| 3 Chet Somanātha.    | 7 Machhendranātha. |
| 4 Omkāranātha.       |                    |

This *Machhendra* travelled through the world, and visited many holy places, and made a host of disciples.<sup>1</sup> Among these was *Gorakshanātha*, who surpassed his *gurū*, or adopted father, in meritorious deeds. He is venerated throughout Hindustān, and there are many religious places where temples are dedicated to him. In *Kāthiāwāḍ* there is a small temple called *Gorak-Mughā*, where he is worshipped; but the chief places of his worship are in *Gorakhapur* near *Haridwār*, in *Nepāl* and in the *Panjāb*. He is the eponymous deity of the *Gōrkhalis*, or people of *Gōrkha*, in *Nepāl*. He came to Kachh also, where there is a well near *Dhamadkū*, called after his name. He is said to be *chiranjivi*, i.e. 'ever-living.'

The word *Kānphāḍ* comes from *kān*, 'the

<sup>1</sup> The *Nepāli* make him the same as *Āryśralokiteśvara-Padmapāni Bodhisattva*. *Gorakshanātha* is said to have lived in *Nepāl* in the time of *Rāja Baradewa* or *Bala-dewa*, about the fifth or sixth century. See *Wright's*

*History of Nepal*, pp. 140-152, where a legend of *Padmapāni-Āryśralokiteśvara-Matsyendranātha* is given; *Hodgson's Essays* (Trübner's reprint), a. p. 40.—Ed.

ear; and *phāḍā*, 'to slit,' thus signifying 'a person having his ears slit.' At what time and by whom the practice of slitting the ears was introduced is not known; but most of them declare that they do it after Śiva, whose followers as Yogis they are.

Dharmanātha is said to have come from Peshiwar to Kāthiāwāḍ, and thence to Kachh, in search of a secluded place to perform *tap* or penance. He had with him a *Sādhaka* (or helping friend) named Sarannātha, and a disciple named Garibnātha. Another account gives the name of the latter only. He selected Ryān, on the eastern bank of the river Rukhamāvati, about two miles north of the present town of Māṇḍavi, where, according to one account, there reigned a chief named Gadhesing, the father of the celebrated Vikrama of Ujayanī, and according to another account one Rāmadeva, of the tribe of Chāvaḍā Rājputa. The former is an invention of the people, wherever old coins bearing the device resembling an ass are found; while the latter is more probable, as there appear to have been many small principalities of the Chāvaḍās about the time the ancestors of the present Jhāḍejās entered the province as adventurers, and even subsequently. This is corroborated by the Bhāts, who are said to possess some rude poetical compositions on the subject.

Having selected an umbrageous tree, as is the case with the people of his order, at some distance from the palace of the Chief, Dharmanātha made his *dhunī*, or fire, and began to perform his penance, at the same time ordering Garibnātha to go into the town with his *jhokā*, or wallet, for alms; but the latter found the people so impious and hard-hearted as not to give him any countenance. There was only one woman, of the carpenter caste, who gave him a cake of bread. He had, therefore, recourse to fetching wood from the neighbouring forests and selling it in the town. From the proceeds of this he purchased corn and took it to the old woman, who prepared bread from it, and, adding to it a cake of her own, gave them to him without taking any remuneration. These he took to Dhundhqmāll,<sup>2</sup>

to which Dharmanātha had changed his name, and both partook of the frugal meal. They passed twelve years in this manner, Dharmanātha believing all the while in the charitable character of the people. After the penance was over, one day Garibnātha was asleep, covered, as usual, with a cloth, to hide an ulcer made by the constant lifting of bundles of wood. The wind blew off the cover, and Dharmanātha, who happened to see it, was mortified to learn, after much persistence, the cause of the ulcer, in which maggots had begun to appear. He was all wrath, and resolved to test personally the inhospitable and impious character of the people. He found that none but the old woman would give any charitable contribution. He determined to overthrow the whole town, and bury the people in the ruins. He advised the woman to leave the town, with all that she valued. Garibnātha remonstrated with him, as the loss of so many lives would bring upon him those very sins which he had tried to wash away by penance. Dharmanātha upset his *patṭar*, or alms-shell,<sup>3</sup> and pronounced the curse "*Paṭṭan sab dāṭṭan!*"—"Be buried all the Paṭṭan cities!" when all the eighty-four Paṭṭans sank underground, with all the people and valuables except the woman. On the ruins is the present village of Choṭā Ryān, repopled in the time of the first Rāo, and given in charity to Chāran Bāgchand, whose descendants enjoy it to this day. For about two miles brick foundations of buildings, jars, instruments, &c. have been discovered, and I myself have purchased some old copper and silver coins found in the fields. This same story is told of all the ruined cities in Kachh and Gujarāt; but the destruction may have been caused by some violent earthquake, and, as Paṭṭan was a seaport town, the people must have removed themselves to the present site of Māṇḍavi<sup>4</sup> when they found that the sea had receded on account of the rising of the land.

Dharmanātha appears to have repented of his rash deed, and resolved to perform a second *tap* or penance. With this view he proceeded to a hill, which could not bear the weight of his sins, and was thence called *Nanav* (नन्वो meaning 'weighed down'). Then he

<sup>2</sup> Some say Dhundhqmāll was Dharmanātha's fellow-disciple and companion.

<sup>3</sup> It is the hard shell of a very large oval fruit from Zanzibar, and used by Yogis, Fakirs, and anchorites as an alms and dinner plate throughout India. Its colour is black, and it is said to be the shell of a poisonous coconut,

called *jhori adrigela*. It must be the fruit of a kind of palm.

<sup>4</sup> The town of Māṇḍavi was founded by Rāo Khengrji through a Bhātīā named Topan on the 11th of the month of Māgha, Śarvāt 1636. Before this there were some fisherman's huts on the site.



repaired to another hill, which broke down with his weight,—hence called *Jhuryo* (झुर्यो) = 'broke'). At last he came to a third hill, which could bear his weight provided he ascended it with his back turned towards it. He did so, and as the hill bore the weight of his sins he called it Dhīnodhar (i.e. holder of धीरना = *dhīraṇā*, or 'patience.' He went to the highest peak and began to perform *tap* standing on his head, which rested on a conical ball of hard stone called *Vajra Sopāri*. He continued in this state for twelve years, during which time Garibnātha and a Chāran woman called Deval remained beside him, the latter supplying him with milk and ministering to his other wants. When the period of his penance was drawing to a close, the throne of Indra began to shake, and he was alarmed. He went to Bhagavān, who counselled him to devise means to stop his *tap*. Thereupon Bhagavān himself, the nine Nāthas, and the eighty-four Siddhas assembled together and alighted on the hill. They praised the austerity of his penance and besought him to rise, when he said that in whichever direction his eyes would open, that portion of the country would be burnt. Then Gorakhanātha, one of the nine Nāthas, after consulting the others, told him to open his eyes towards the sea on the north-east. Upon this he turned towards the sea and opened his eyes, when the sea was dried up and all the animals therein destroyed, leaving nothing else but the present Raṇ. When so many lives began to be destroyed, Dharmanātha declared he was losing the merit of his penance, whereupon Gorakhanātha asked him to turn his eyes towards his foot, but instead of doing so he turned them to the hill, which split into two valleys, leaving the part obstructed by the nose entire in the shape of the nose, by which name it is known at the present day.

Then Dharmanātha, with the Nāthas and Siddhas, descended. While doing so they proposed to have a treat of *bhaṅg* (infusion of *Cannabis indica*), but no water was to be had about the hill, when one of them, Pīr Pattha (Gopīchand), brought out water by striking his *kuṇḍri* or dagger into the side of the hill, and prepared the 'green beverage.' The hole was shown to me by my *cicerone*, but the water does not come out till a stick is thrust into it. The stick, which is a rude branch of a tree, has a knob at

the end, which brings out the water, of which there must be a reservoir the level of which must always remain a little below the hole. Those who ascend the hill can find water on their return only when they come to this place. The water is rather brackish, being impregnated with salts. They then came to another place, where all the Siddhas combined got water out miraculously, and called it the Siddh-Viḍī (सिद्धवीडी), or 'saints' pool.' It is said never to fail, and is held in great reverence; but when I visited it there was no water. My guide looked surprised, and ascribed this to its having been polluted by a low-caste person. The Pīr, he said, would come there and burn incense to the Dādā or Father Dharmanātha, who would refill it. Thence they came to the foot of the eastern side of the hill, which they selected as the spot for the present establishments. The Nāthas and Siddhas departed, and Dharmanātha made his *dhūf* or fire, built the monastery and established the Order of the Kānphātīs, and commenced that charitable distribution of food the refusal of which had caused the destruction of the Pātāns. Then he went away, no one knows where. He is even said to be still living.

Garibnātha, thinking that some share of the sin of destroying the Pātāns must fall to his lot, determined to perform penance by standing for twelve years in Bhādli, 18 miles west of Bhuj, in a jungle, which is even at the present day very thick and mountainous. At this time the Jats were powerful near the hill of Vārār. The children of the Jats harassed the ascetic and disturbed his penance by pelting him with mango-stones. Being incensed, he went in search of some warrior tribe to expel these marauders, when, fortunately, the ancestors of the present Jhāḍojās had just entered the province and were trying to establish their authority. According to one account, Jām Rāyadhan, the son of Lākṣhā Jhāḍoja, who was reigning in the small principality of Lakhīār Virā, went to seek his blessing, when he encouraged him by his benediction to expel the Jats out of the province, and in this the Jām was successful. This Rāyadhan flourished between Samvat 1231 and 1271 (= A.D. 1173-1215), and there is a couplet on the subject in the Kachhi language—

गर्वो गरीब नाय. भावो मुख भावान । कुडा जद  
करि डिनी रावधनके राज.

i. e. "Solemn Garibnātha gave utterance through the mouth, and, expelling the treacherous Jats, gave dominion to Rāyadhan."

Another account places him in the time of Jām Hamirji, the father of the founder of Bhuj, who flourished in Samvat 1528-1580 (= A. D. 1472-1524). At this time Hamirji was reigning at Lākhiār Virā, not far from Bhadli, and his brother Ajoji at Bārā, near Terā. The fame of Garibnātha had excited these predatory chiefs to obtain from him some benediction to extend their dominions. Ajoji used to minister to the wants of the ascetic, and serve him regularly. One day the latter, being pleased with his devotion, ordered him to bring a can of milk early in the morning for his benediction. This a *Langhā* or musician of Hamirji's happened to hear, and at once reported it to his master, who came to the ascetic early in the morning with the milk. The ascetic, taking him for Ajoji, accosted him as the 'Lord of Kachh.' Subsequently came Ajoji with the milk, when the deceit was discovered, but it was too late, as Garibnātha's words could not be changed; but he said that Hamirji had practised deceit and he should have deceit in exchange, and his posterity would not be able to rule the province peaceably without the aid of his *Bhāyāds*. These have reference to the murder of Hamirji by Rāval Jām, and to the privilege of the Bhāyāds to sit in the Jhāḍejā Court. This latter tradition is generally believed, and is corroborated by many facts. Even at the present day the descendants of Ajoji, who enjoy the village of Khedoi, relate the deceit played by Hamirji. Hamirji began to reign at Lākhiār Virā in Samvat 1528 (= A. D. 1472), and he could not have received benediction earlier than 1500. Therefore the time of the penance of Garibnātha being deducted, we come to Samvat 1488 (= A. D. 1432), the time when the *dāunī* and the present establishment at Dhinodhar were first instituted. After this Garibnātha is said to have buried himself alive in a standing posture up to the crown of his head at Bhadli, where is a small temple which was rebuilt recently. What they call his skull is daubed with red lead and *gāt*, and worshipped at the present day. The temple has no inscription on it. Considering that ascetics live long lives on account of their

temperate habits, the time of the destruction of Ryānpur could not be earlier than 1450. Dharmānātha, then, must have come to Kachh about Samvat 1433, and not in Samvat 790 as found from the *Pir's* genealogy, but he went away after laying the foundation of the present Order. He himself belonged to the sect of Sañtanātha, whose places of worship are in Nepāl and in the Panjāb. After the penance he desired the Chāran Deval to ask for a reward. She said she was childless; would he be gracious enough to bless her with a son? This he said was not in her lot; when she replied that his word as well as her devoted services were equally lost. On this he said he himself would be born to her from a blister in the palm of her hand, but that she should never think of marrying him. He was afterwards born, and became the celebrated Rāval *Pir*, who is worshipped in a temple on the coast three miles east of Maṇḍavi.

Garibnātha obtained as a reward the villages of Bhadli, Tharāndo, Kotḍo, &c., together with some imposts on the neighbouring villages, from the Jhāḍejās, which his descendants enjoy at the present day. He had two disciples named Ornātha and Panthanātha. The former, becoming a Siddha (deified), has a separate temple in the monastery of Dharmānātha; while the latter had a disciple named Bhikhari-nātha, who was highly revered by Rāo Khen-gārji, who installed him as the first *Pir* in Samvat 1545, on his agreeing to leave his wandering habits and to settle in one place. He also promised to give him a village, but both died soon after. He was succeeded by Prabhātānātha, who obtained the village of Ryāp, in Samvat 1665, as a grant. The village has a temple built by Rāo Bhārmalji, in which I found the following inscription:—

संवत् १६६५ ना वर्षे कार्तिक सुद १५ पीर श्री  
श्रीपारीनाथ पीर हुआ पीरपंथ नाथना चेला पीर श्री-  
पारीना चेला पीर परभातनाथ. सध धोरमनाथना पीर भाद  
नाथ आ पीर परभात राजश्री बेंगारजी सुन राजश्री  
भारमलजी वारे पीर आवा. गाव रायन पराजत  
मुपत धीनीधरजी वे जे पाहर—राजश्री बेंगारजीवे सहाइ  
त हिंदुआण गाव तरकाणे सुअर जे कोई जे गावना  
पचार करे तेहेन गरिबनाथना भवीश्वना पाव इ राजश्री  
बीमना धरम छे. भाई सुबो धीनीधरना छे. श्री राजश्री ना-  
He is said to have also peopled the village of Angio, which they enjoy at present. The present *Pir*, Hanjanātha, the 25th in descent, was



installed in Śaṅvat 1920 by His Highness the late Rāo Prāgmañji.

The hill of Dhīnodhar is situated in the thickest jungle, and surrounded by a tract of country inhabited by pastoral tribes, who are generally very poor. At the foot are situated a number of buildings intended for the residence of the Pīr and of disciples, who have always assigned to them some duties. Among these buildings is a small rudely built and domed temple dedicated to Dharmanātha, on a raised platform facing the east. It is about seven feet square, and its walls are as many feet high. In the temple itself is a marble image of Dharmanātha, three feet high, with the *darśana* or rings of the feet in the ears. There are, besides, small *lingas* of Śiva and images of gods, either of brass or stone. A lamp fed with *ghī* is said to have been first lighted by Dharmanātha, and to have been kept constantly burning ever since. A man is appointed to make the *pūjā* twice every day, in the morning and evening; who, after washing the images and offering rice, flowers, or leaves, burns incense mixed with *ghī*, and then waves the *artī* or light amidst the sounds of bell, gong, and drum, and after prostrating himself several times he retires.

In another part is a large *paṇḍāl* in which is the *dhūnī*, kept constantly burning since it was first lighted by Dharmanātha. It is fed with large logs of wood, for which a man is specially kept. There are, besides, four very large cauldrons placed on hearths, each capable of cooking a *khaṇḍī* of food. On ordinary days these are worshipped, but on *Gokulashṣṭami* and *Nava-rātri* days, which are held sacred, more wood is thrown into the *dhūnī*, and rice and *lāpṣī* (a dish of wheat-flour sweetened with sugar) are cooked in these cauldrons, which never fail for the people who assemble on those days.

There are, besides, several temples or *śa-mādhas* or tombs of the Pīra, but without any inscription, in the monastery, which is enclosed with a high wall with turrets.

On the highest peak, which is 1268 feet, is the temple of Dharmanātha, on the spot where he is said to have done penance. It was built by Brahṃa Kshatri Śeṣ Śundarjī Śivajī

in Śaṅvat 1877 (= A.D. 1821), after the great earthquake. The materials used are limestone and mud, with a plaster of chunam. It faces the east. It is 6 feet high and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet square, with a Muhammadan dome. The entrance is only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet high and 2 feet wide, and has no door. The wall is only a foot in thickness. In the temple is a triangular concave stone, in the cavity of which Dharmanātha is said to have rested his head at the time of the penance. It is daubed with red lead and *ghī*. Near it is a small stone fixed as a *pūṭiyā*. Outside the temple is the original *dhūnī*, which is lighted for three days in the month of Bhādrapada, when the Pīr resorts thither for the annual *pūjā*, and people from the surrounding villages assemble to do homage. Those who cannot come or ascend the hill satisfy themselves by looking at the fire of the *dhūnī*, which can be seen from villages several miles round. I saw that the temple was cracked in several places, and in a state of dilapidation; and on my questioning the Pīr about repairing it, he said it was very difficult to get water there, on account of the difficulty of access. He said Śandarjī, a very rich and great man, could do it, but he himself, though possessed of twelve villages, was unable to defray the expense of the repairs, unless copious rains were sent by the *Dādā* ('Father' Dharmanātha). The peak commands a beautiful view of the surrounding country up to the opposite shore of the Rap. It is composed of basalt, limestone, and sandstone.

Their tenets appear to be those of the Yoga-Śāstra, or the abstract devotion practised by the Yogīs of the Nātha sect, and in which Dharmanātha and Garibnātha were well versed; but the Pīrs of Dhīnodhar, except the first two or three, were ignorant of their tenets. They themselves, being generally converts from the shepherd<sup>a</sup> tribe, are quite illiterate and ignorant, and know nothing but the name of the *Dādā*. They worship Śiva and follow the ritual of the Mātā, whose *stotra* the Pīr repeats on the 2nd of every month.<sup>b</sup> They are celibates, and allow no woman to enter their precincts. I could find no works like those of the Nāthas of the north and the Dekkan

<sup>a</sup> Formerly Meghrāis or Dhols were admitted, and one of their Pīrs, Meghrātha, was of this caste. The Yogīs are therefore regarded as very low, though the practice of adopting Meghrāis has long since been discontinued.

<sup>b</sup> On the Kānpṛāṭha see H. H. Wilson's *Essays*, vol. I. pp. 212-13, 216-18; *Oriental Mag.* 1824, p. 11; *Postans, Jour. R. As. Soc.* vol. V. pp. 268-71.—Ed.



written by them. Their great aim appears originally to have been to feed suffering humanity, to whatever caste or creed the persons might belong, and for which they had obtained from the former Râos and others villages and lands. In this respect they resemble the order of St. Bernard in Europe, and are regular hospitallers. But after obtaining the grants they gradually lost their character as disinterested *Yogis*, and brought upon themselves, as it were, the very worldly cares they had renounced. They began to lend money at interest, perhaps originally with the object of relieving the distressed by the accommodation; but at present I found the *Pîr* involved in managing the estates, collecting revenues, litigating about boundary disputes, and collecting outstandings, which are quite incompatible with the doctrine of the *Yoga*. I noticed, however, one feature in the order of *Dhînodhar* which is wanting in all the others in Kachh. The *Pîr* is a chaste man, and enforces celibacy with strictness among his disciples, by prohibiting any female from entering the precincts of the monastery.

In the large hall of the residence recipients of charity are twice fed, the low castes and Muhammadans being served in the compound. The food consists of *bâjri* (millet) bread and *khichadî* of *bâjri* and *mafh* (*Phaseolus aconitifolius*). I saw the *Pîr* himself serving *ghî* with a ladle of a two-pice measure. Those who cannot partake of the cooked food receive it uncooked. Besides the members of the establishment, I saw about twenty-five persons from the surrounding villages, and stray travellers, answering to the call for dinner, which is loudly made twice a day by a man from an eminence. In times of drought and famine the number increases to three hundred. Besides the food, the *Pîr*, who always sits with a copper canister of opium, treats them to a few grains of it, according to their wants. I saw one paralytic, and another lame, who had sought shelter in the asylum.

The method of adopting disciples is very simple, as may be expected from their general ignorance. Persons of indolent habits, or afflicted with domestic calamities, generally become *Yogis* at an advanced age, but parents unable to support their children give their young boys to the *Pîr*. Orphans also are received. Before giving him his name he is called *Oghad*, or novice, and his conduct is

watched for eight months. His *Gurû*, or spiritual guide, makes him wear while a novice a black *shâlî*, or sacred thread of wool with *Rudra* knot, corresponding to the *Yajnopavita* of the *Brâhman*, round his neck, with a two-inch horn called *Śringi-nâda*, or bugle. Through this bugle he is made to say *Omākāra*, *Upadêśa*, and *Âdêśa*, which he has afterwards to repeat twice every day at dinner, before the god and the *Gurû*. In fact it is a form of salutation to the superior. If after the appointed period his conduct is found satisfactory, he is taken before the god *Bhairava*, where a *brother* slits the cartilage of the ears, in which circular plate-like rings of agate, glass, or horn, called *dariāna*, are suspended. After the ears are cured by thrusting in a *nimb* stick, dressing with *nimb* oil, his head, beard, and moustaches are shaved, never to be worn again. The *Gurû* then whispers in his ear the *Upadêśa mantra*, or mystic instruction:—"Be wise, perform religious duties, and keep yourself prompt in the service of the *Gurû*." Now he becomes a *Yogi*, and has a name terminating in *Nâtha*. He spends his life in repeating the name of the *Dâdâ*, serving his *Gurû*, and doing the duty assigned to him. The disciple is the adopted son of the *Gurû*, and he succeeds his father on his death. The *Yogi* is buried, and on the twelfth day after his death a feast is given and alms distributed by the son.

The *Pîr* cannot wear an *angarakhâ*, or coat, but he throws over his body a red shawl or brick-coloured scarf, has a turban of gold-bordered blue silk, with a *shâlî*, and a *laingofa* with a white *digoji* over the loins. He cannot put on leather shoes, but walks in *chûkhadî*, or wooden shoes. This dress is given to him by the *Râo* at the time of his accession to the *Pîrship*. He also wears a number of gold ornaments of great value, but of rude old fashion. His *dariāna*, or earrings, are covered with gold in which precious stones are set. He is highly respected by the people, and even by the *Râo*, who first pays a visit to his place (where the *Pîr* has the privilege of retaining his seat) before the latter comes to him. The dress of the others is simple, and dyed with ochre, but now it appears to be going out of fashion. There are about fifty *Yogis* in *Dhînodhar*.

The head of the sect of *Dhînodhar* is called the *Pîr*, while the heads of the branches



are called *Āyasa*. There are three such branches—the *Āyasa* of Baladhiā, which is next in importance to Dhīnodhar, the *Āyasa* of Arla, and the *Āyasa* of Mathal. The *Pīr* of Shivrā Maṇḍapa, in Bhuj, is separate. The last place was built by Rāo Desaiji the elder in Saṁvat 1805, and given to a *Yogi* of Dhīnodhar; while the others have received their villages from Dhīnodhar on their separation. The *Yogi* of Dhīnodhar was expelled the monastery of Shivrā Maṇḍapa, which was given in charge of Shēvūnātha, a *Yogi* from Śrīsagar, who was installed as *Pīr* and given a village. These also, like the *Yogis* of Dharmānātha, are of the Sāntānātha sect, but are Śāktas and worship the horse image of Naklank. They do not have intercourse with the *Yogis* of Dhīnodhar, whom they consider low, but keep it with the *Ātis*. The annual income of Dhīnodhar is about 50,000 *koṛis*. There is one monastery of Dharmānātha in Jodhpur, in Mārward, held in high honour by the Mahārāja of that place. It was established through the influence of a *Pīr* from Bhuj who had been there.

The only other monastery of Kānpḥātās in Kachh is that of Kanthadnātha of Manpharo. Their origin is from Kanthadnātha, who was residing in Kanthkot with his *dhuni* about Saṁvat 900. About this time Moḍ and Manāi had come into Kachh, after killing their brother Unaḍ in Sindh. Moḍ had tried to build a fortress on the hill of Kanthkot, but it was thrown down by Kanthadnātha on his being asked to remove his *dhuni* from that part of the foundation which crossed it. On the death of Moḍ his son Sāḍ appeased the wrath of the Nātha, and built the fortress and called it Kanthkot, from the *Yogi*. He also built a large temple and dedicated it to him, which was destroyed by the great earthquake, and replaced by a small but

beautiful temple. Kanthadnātha's descendants used to tend herds of cattle wandering about the hills, which abound in grass. Generally their *vāṇḍha*<sup>1</sup> was near a well called Manphariyo.

The present village of Manpharo was founded by Ude-Kanth. The land was given to him by Rāo Bhārmalji in Saṁvat 1705-7 (A.D. 1649). When he was passing by their *vāṇḍha*, the Nātha invited him to dinner, and miraculously fed the whole army from a small dish. On this the Rāo installed him as a *Pīr*, and gave him the land about the well Manphariyo for the expense of the establishment.

The *Pīr* removed the monastery from Kanthkot to this place, and began to feed travellers and other needy persons. The monks resemble in their peculiarities, manners, and customs those of Dhīnodhar. They call each member a Kanthad, instead of Nātha; they are selected from Rājputās, Ahers, &c. They worship Kanthadnātha, and repeat his name with a rosary. They also worship Gaṇeśa, and are called *Gaṇeśa upāsi*. They are sworn to celibacy, but their morality is depraved. Their chief temple is at Kanthkot, where one of the members worships Kanthadnātha's image of marble, which sits cross-legged, twice a day. Once these Kānpḥātās were very powerful in Kachh. Besides Kanthkot and Dhīnodhar they had the monasteries of Kotesar, and Ajepāl in Ānjār, in their possession. They caught *Ātis* and other *Sādhis* coming on pilgrimage and forcibly slit their ears. But they were afterwards conquered by the *Ātis* from Junāgaḍh, about three hundred years ago, who took possession of their monasteries of Kotesar from Ringannātha, and of Ajepāl from the Nāthas of the Rāval sect, which have remained in their hands ever since. Their influence declined from that time.

#### MISCELLANEA.

##### AN ADDITIONAL NOTE ON HASTAKAVAPRA—ASTAKAMPRON.

The letter of Major J. W. Watson regarding the identification of Hastakavapra, or Hastavapra, with the modern Hāthab, published in *Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 314, imposes upon me the duty of saying a word on the subject. In fact, I

ought to have apologized to Major Watson long ago for having omitted to mention that the identification both of Hastavapra and of Kukkapa is not my property. I should have done so at once if I had not been convinced that my learned friend is fully aware that the omission of his name was due to no other cause than careless-

<sup>1</sup> A temporary residence made of rushes and leaves near watering-places.

ness. In now performing this *prāyaścitta*, I beg to add a few remarks which, I think, tend to strengthen Colonel Yule's important identification of Hastakavapra with Astakampron.

Major J. W. Watson has suggested in his note (L. c.) that Hāthab once must have been an important harbour, and have taken the place which Gundi-Koliak held during the Middle Ages. I am now able to confirm this statement, and to prove that when the place belonged to the kingdom of Valabhi, it certainly was more than a small village. Both in the inscription of Dhruvasena I. and in that of Dhruvasena II. it is asserted that certain villages were situated *hastakavapradharanyān* or *hastavapradharanyān*, and I have explained these compounds to mean 'in the territorial division of Hastavapra.' I have now to add that the name occurs in a third inscription, the grant of Dhruvasena IV., an abstract of which has been published by Prof. Bhāṇḍārkar—*Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 45. There we read, instead of *Hastavapradharanyān*, *Hastavapradhara*,<sup>1</sup> and it is stated that the village of Yodhāvaka was included in it. Now three unpublished Valabhi grants, which have been discovered at Alipā, in the Kheḍā Zillā, show the word *Kheḍādhara*, and mention three different *Pathakas* which formed parts of the *Kheḍādhara*. *Pathaka* is known from Valabhi and Chaulukya plates to have had the meaning of 'a small territorial division,' and its modern representative *pathā*, as Mr. W. F. Sinclair informs me, still sometimes occurs in the same sense. If an *dhara* contained several *pathakas*, it is clear that it must be a larger territorial division, and corresponds to our modern *zillā*. It follows further from the *varia lectio*—*Hastavapradhara*, that the word *dhara* was a synonym of *dhara*, and that the compound in the two older grants may be translated by 'in the *zillā* of Hastavapra.' This being once established, it follows also that if a *zillā* was named after Hastavapra the place must have been of some importance—that, probably, it was not a village, but a town. For territorial divisions are invariably named after the town which at the time when the name was given was the most important in it, and the seat of the local government.<sup>2</sup>

This result agrees very well with Major Watson's theory that Hāthab originally was a harbour which took the place of Gundi-Koliak. It further

makes Colonel Yule's identification also with Astakampron more plausible. For, if Hastakavapra during the first centuries of our era was a really important town and a port, it is not astonishing to find that the Greek traders knew it.

The other point to which I wish to call attention is the etymology of the two forms of the town's name. Both are compounds the last part of which is *vapra*, which means 'an embankment, an earth-wall, the steep bank of a river,' &c. The first part, *Hasta* or *Hastaka*, must be a proper noun. For it is a rule in Sanskrit that common nouns which are used as proper names may receive the determinative affix *ka*. Thus, if *asva*, 'a horse,' is used as a proper noun, it may be either *asva* or *asvaka*. As *hasta* is a common noun, meaning 'the hand,' and as in the compound both *Hasta* and *hastaka* occur, it may be safely concluded that it is used as a proper noun. Possibly the whole may mean 'the embankment of Hastaka,' or 'the steep bank on the Hastaka,' according as Hastaka is taken as the name of a man, a river, or a hill. Further investigations regarding traditions or legends current at Hāthab will probably furnish certainty on this point. The Greek word *Astakampron*, I think, is not derived immediately from the Sanskrit name of the place, but from an intermediate Old Prākṛit *Hastakāmpṛa*, which had been formed by the contraction of the syllables *asa* to *a*, and the insertion of a nasal, according to the habit of the Gujarātis. The loss of the initial *h* may be explained by the difficulty which Gujarātis have now, and probably had 1600 years ago, in pronouncing the spirans in its proper place.

The modern Hāthab, for which the lower castes, as Major Watson has informed me, use an older form, Hāthap, I take to be a corruption of the shorter Sanskrit name Hastavapra.

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#### MSS. OF THE MAHABHĀSHYA FROM KASHMIR.

We have already (vol. VI. pp. 224-274) given some interesting extracts from Dr. Bühler's *Report* of his *Tour in search of Sanskrit MSS.*, and in vol. V. pp. 27-31 a general outline was given of the results; the following further extracts, however, will interest some of our readers:—

"In the collection of grammatical MSS.," says Dr. Bühler,<sup>3</sup> "those belonging to Pāṇini's school take the precedence. Among the latter the *Vyākhyāyapariśiṣṭādharmī* (two MSS.)<sup>4</sup> bears the most

मिष्यामः । इयमस्मिन्स्वे सिद्धयस्मिन्मिष्येति । किं कारणम्  
अथ हि ज्ञानपरिभाषः स्वयं शास्त्रं प्रतिपादयितुं समर्थो भवति ।  
तं तावन्मुख्यं ज्ञानपरिभाषो भवति । अतो व्याख्यानं ब्रह्म्यम् ।  
तच्चादित एव तावदियं परिभाषा भवति ॥ अथैवद्वयमेवानर्थक-  
स्येति ॥

End.—इति व्याकीयपरिभाषावृत्तिः समाप्ता ॥ शुभाश  
भवताम् ॥—Extract by Vāmanāchārya.

<sup>1</sup> The word is disfigured in the passage quoted by a misprint and a faulty division of the syllables, which make it *Hastava-pradhara*.

<sup>2</sup> Compare Kheḍā, Bharnach, &c.

<sup>3</sup> Detailed Report, pp. 66-73.

<sup>4</sup> Beginning:—ओं नमो मुनिप्रसाय ।

अथ परिभाषासूचनं व्याख्यासूचयः । अधेन्यस्यधिकारायः  
परिभाषासूचनं शास्त्रमधिकृतं वेदितव्यम् । अदित उच्यतेनुक-



ancient name. The Kāśmīrian paṇḍits are unanimous in declaring it to be a production of the author of the *Saṅgraha*. But Dr. Kielhorn, to whom I submitted the book immediately after its discovery, tells me that he cannot discover in it any proof of great antiquity, and that it contains only the well-known *Paribhāṣhā*. He thinks it not unlikely that the title has been given to it because some paṇḍit believed the *Paribhāṣhā* to belong to Vyāḍi. I must leave the question to the decision of those Sanskritists who make the *Vyākaraṇaśāstra* their speciality."

Three incomplete Śāraḍa paper MSS. (one of I. 1. 103—2. 63, another L. 4—VI. 1) "represent the meagre result of a long and laborious inquiry regarding Patanjali's *Mahābhāṣhya*, a work which for the present is, as it were, the corner-stone for the history of Sanskrit grammar and literature. As the controversy regarding the genuineness of our present text of the *Mahābhāṣhya* had been going on for some time before my visit to Kāśmīr, I was particularly anxious to obtain a trustworthy and complete Kāśmīrian MS. of the work, in order to ascertain if Kāśmīr possessed a reduction different from the Indian one. When I began my inquiries the paṇḍits told me that the *Bāḍshya* was not studied in Kāśmīr, and that they knew only of two complete MSS. of the work. One of these belonged to Paṇḍit Keśavram, and the other to the sons of the late Paṇḍit Sāhebrām. With some trouble I got a sight of both these copies, and found that they were Devanāgarī MSS., brought from India. Keśavram's copy had been imported into the Valley by a paṇḍit of Bāramūla who had resided for some time in Banāras. His heirs had sold it for one hundred Kāśmīrī rupees (of ten annas each) to its present owner. After this transfer had been effected, Paṇḍit Sāhebrām also had found it necessary to procure a copy, and had finally obtained one from the Panjāb. Both these copies are new—not older than fifty or sixty years. They contain Kaiyaṣa's *Pratīpa* also. As soon as the origin of these two MSS. had been determined, I told my friends that I neither desired to acquire them nor to have them copied, and that they must hunt for Bhūrja or old Śāraḍa paper MSS. They grumbled a good deal, and complained of my unreasonableness. But gradually they produced the three MSS. which now belong to the collection. Each of the three is certainly more than a hundred years old, and most probably copied from older Bhūrja MSS. I sent them, immediately after I received them, to Dr. Kielhorn, for compa-

ison with his Indian MSS. He informs me that they do not differ materially from the latter. I think that this fact is not without importance for the question regarding the genuineness of the text of the *Mahābhāṣhya*, though it is desirable that it should be confirmed by the discovery and collation of an old Bhūrja MS. Just when I left Kāśmīr I heard that such a MS. had been found in the library of an ignorant Brāhman, who believed it to be a MS. of the *Kaṭhāsaritāgara*, and used it, as is frequently done with MSS. of that work, for purposes of divination.\* Efforts have been made to obtain the book, but hitherto without success.

"In connection with the subject of the *Mahābhāṣhya* I may also state that I have examined with particular care in all accessible MSS. of the *Rājatarangī* the verse I. 176, which refers to its introduction into Kāśmīr. Most MSS. read *chaṇḍīchāryādibhir labdhvā deśitāsmāt tadāgamam* [ *pravartitāṃ mahābhāṣhyāṃ vac-cha vyākaraṇaṃ kṛtam* ]. But some, and among them Keśavram's *codex archetypus*, read *pramānam, labdhvā deśitāṃ tasmāt*, &c. I think that this is the original but corrupt reading of the MS., and that the vulgate *deśitāsmāt* is purely conjectural. The Kāśmīrians felt, and now feel, that the reading *labdhvā deśitāṃ* does not readily give any sense. The attempt to restore the passage by writing *deśit tasmāt*<sup>†</sup> is, in my opinion, not a happy one. I accept Dr. Kielhorn's emendation, *deśitāsmāt*, as the most probable, both on account of the analogy of the passage in the *Vākyapadīya* and on account of *Rājat.* IV. 437,<sup>‡</sup> where *deśitāsmāt* actually occurs. As to the translation of the word *āgama*, I think with Dr. Kielhorn that it means 'the tradition' or 'the traditional interpretation' of the *śāstra*. I have consulted the most learned grammarians in Banāras, Indor, and other parts of India on this point. All unanimously declare that *āgama* must be taken in the sense for which Dr. Kielhorn contends, and some even go so far as to deny the possibility that *āgama* can ever mean *grantha*. Though they are undoubtedly correct as far as the usage of the *Vaiyākaraṇas* is concerned, and *āgama* is not used in the sense of a *grammatical* work, still their assertion goes too far. For the Jaines speak of their *forty-five āgamas* or sacred works, and the Śaivas recognize the authority of *eighteen āgamas*. In these two cases the word is certainly used as a synonym of *grantha*, and is frequently, by *lakṣaṇā*, applied to designate MSS. As may be inferred from these remarks, I stand on the side of those who are

\* A pin is driven into the MS., and the verse in which the point sticks is supposed to give some clue to the future fate of the inquirer. The practice is well known in Europe too.

† The copy in the Government collection has *deśitāsmāt tadāgamam*. Here the last *t* is a clerical mistake.

‡ *Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. p. 107.

§ See Kielhorn, *Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 243.

disposed, until the very strongest proofs to the contrary are adduced, to consider the present text of the *Mahābhāṣya* to be genuine.

"My search for copies of Kaiyaṭa's *Pradīpa* were attended with still scantier results than the inquiry regarding the *Mahābhāṣya*. One MS. (No. 306) of 99 folios of 20 lines each contains a very small portion of the *Needānikā*. The MS. dates, I think, from the same time as the pieces of the *Bhāṣya*. The Kāśmīrians tell an anecdote regarding Kaiyaṭa, which is perhaps worth mentioning. Kaiyaṭa was, they say, an inhabitant of one of the smaller towns of the Valley,—according to some of Pāmpur, according to others of Yechgām. He lived in great poverty, and entirely gave himself up to the study of the *Mahābhāṣya* and of grammar. In this *śāstra* he acquired so great a proficiency that at last he could explain the whole *Bhāṣya* to his pupils without looking at a MS., and he understood even those passages which Vararuchi (P) had marked by *lupdāṣa* (O) as unintelligible. Once a foreign paṇḍit from southern India, named according to one authority Kṛishṇa-m-bhaṭṭa, came into Kāśmīr and went to see Kaiyaṭa at his home. He found him sitting before his house engaged in manual labour, and explaining at the same time to his pupils the most difficult portions of the *Bhāṣya* from memory. Amazed at the paṇḍit's great learning and his abject condition, the foreigner hastened to the king of Kāśmīr and obtained from him a *śāśana* granting to Kaiyaṭa a village and an allowance of grain. But when he brought the deed to the paṇḍit the latter steadfastly refused to accept the gift, because he considered it unlawful as coming from a king. Later Kaiyaṭa left Kāśmīr and wandered to Banāras. There he vanquished the paṇḍits at a *sabha* by his great learning, and composed the *Pradīpa* at the request of the Sabhāpati. According to this story the *Pradīpa* was not written in Kāśmīr, and if the statement that Kaiyaṭa lived at Pāmpur is true it cannot be older than the

9th century. For that town was built by Padma in the reign of Ajitāpiṇḍa, 844-849 A.D.\* Dr. Kielhorn has lately stated in his pamphlet on the *Mahābhāṣya* that he does not think Kaiyaṭa an old writer. I agree with him on this point, and do not believe that he is older than the 13th century A.D. The earliest Indian grammarian who quotes him is, as far as I know, Śāyana-Mādhava. I have heard it asserted by Indian paṇḍits that Kaiyaṭa was a brother of Maṃmatā.

"The small fragment of Chandra's Grammar (one leaf) is more curious than useful. As Chandra was a Kāśmīrian, or at least taught in Kāśmīr, there is no reason to doubt of its genuineness. Dr. Kielhorn thinks that, to judge from the fragment, the arrangement of Chandra's grammar must have resembled that of the *Kaṣṇadī*, or, as Dr. Burnell would say, that of the grammarians of the *Diandra* school.

"The MS. of the *Kāśikāvyūṭi* (No. 283)<sup>10</sup> is a real gem. It is the most correct and best-written birch-bark MS. in the whole collection, and almost without a lacuna. I collated a small portion of its contents with Professor Bālaśāstri's edition, and found not inconsiderable differences. The readings of the Kāśmīrian MS. appeared to me the better ones. It also gives the correct statement regarding the authors of the work. In the colophons of the first four *adhyāyas* Jayāditya is named as the author, and in those of the last four Vāmana. Professor Bālaśāstri told me that he had found the same statement in another MS.<sup>11</sup> He considers the authors to have been *śāstrīkas* and men of small grammatical learning, who had not penetrated to the deepest depth of the *śāstra*. The Kāśmīrians think that probably Jayāditya is another name of the learned king Jayāpiṇḍa, and that Vāmana is his minister, who is mentioned by Kalhaṇa. Be that as it may, the *Kāśikāvyūṭi* is not a modern work, and most probably has been written by a Kāśmīrian. The Government MS. has been made over to Professor Bālaśāstri to be used for his edition of the *Kāśikā*.

\* *Rajast.* IV. 603. The date is General Cunningham's correct one.

<sup>10</sup> Beginning:—

स्वस्त्वस्तु ॥ श्रीगणेशाय नमः ॥ ओ नमो गुरुः ॥ धेयो-  
स्तु ॥ ओ नमस्वरस्त्वै ॥ ओ नमः  
परमात्मने ॥ ओ नमो नम्यते नमो नमः ॥  
ओ येनास्मिन्समाज्ञायमधिगम्य महेश्वरान् ।  
कुलं व्याकरणं शोकं तस्मै पाणिनये नमः ॥  
येन शब्दगोष्ठीषु × कुतो व्याकरणमवः ।  
श -- धर्मिनां लोके तस्मै पाणिनये नमः ॥  
अज्ञाननिविराज्य ज्ञानाब्जनशलाकया ।  
चक्रुर्गन्धीकृतं येन तस्मै पाणिनये नमः ॥

वृत्तौ माप्ये तथा धातुनामसारायणादिषु ।

विश्वकर्णस्य तन्त्रस्य कियते य - सङ्ग्रहः ॥

अथ शब्दात्सासनम् ।

End:—

इति काशिकायां वृत्तावहमस्याध्यायस्य चतुर्थः पादः ॥  
समाप्ता काशिका वृत्तिः ॥ कुतिर्जपादित्यवामनयोः ॥ सुधमस्तु ॥  
श्रीनृपतिर्विकनादित्यराज्यस्य गताम्नाः १०१३ श्रीसत्तमिने सं-  
वत् ३९ पौषति ३ स्वौ तिष्यवक्ष्ये संपूर्णौ समालोते सु [सु] न-  
मस्तु लेखकपाठकेभ्यः ॥

<sup>11</sup> Compare also Dr. Kielhorn's pamphlet on the *Mahābhāṣya*.



"The pieces of Jinendrabuddhi's *Nyāsa* (No. 284, *adhy.* I. II. 3-4; 285, *adhy.* IV.; and 286, *adhy.* VII.) have been transcribed from a dilapidated birch-bark volume belonging to P. Bal Kōl. Other portions of the work have been acquired in former years, in the Dekhan, in Ahmadābād, and in Bikaner. But the Government collection does not yet contain copies of the VIth and VIIIth *adhyāyas*. Jinendrabuddhi lived, according to the Kāśmirians, at Varāḥamāla-Huṣkapura. He was a Bauddha ascetic, and is certainly not later than the 12th century, as the *Nyāsa* is quoted by Vopadeva.<sup>12</sup>

"Among the smaller works explaining the appendices to Pāṇini's grammar, the *Dhātupāṭha*, the *niṣṭa-avyaya-upasargapāṭha*, and the *laganūtrā*, Kshīrasvamin's treatises *Avyayavṛtti*, *Kshīrataraṅginī*, *Kshīrataraṅgisamketa*, and *Nipātavyayopasargavṛtti*, are of some interest, as the date of this author is known. He is, according to the perfectly credible Kāśmirian tradition, the grammarian Kshīra, who instructed king Jayapīṇa.<sup>13</sup> The *Lingmūḍasāṁskṛt sarvadrthalakṣaṇa* (Nos. 310-11)<sup>14</sup> shows as authors two well-known names—Śavarasvāmin, the son of Dīptasvāmin, and Harṣavardhana, the son of Śrīvardhana. The latter appears to have been a prince.<sup>15</sup> I am, however, doubtful if it is permissible to identify him with the patron of Bāṇa and Hiwen T'sang, as the latter's father is called Prabhākara-

dhana. Still it is quite possible that Prabhākara-vardhana may have had a second name. In like manner I am doubtful if the Śavarasvāmin of the *Lingmūḍasāṁskṛt* is the same as the famous commentator on the *Mīmāṃsāśāstra*. It is a curious fact that the name of the father of the latter is not mentioned in any of the MSS. of the *Mīmāṃsāśāstra* accessible to me, and that the best Śāstris at Poṇā and Banāras do not know it. This question, too, cannot yet be decided. But I think there is a chance that the MSS. of the *Lingmūḍasāṁskṛt* may finally settle the date of the famous Mīmāṃsāist."

In M. Rénan's Report to the Société Asiatique special praise is bestowed on M. James Darmesteter's *Ormeau et Ahriman*, in which the Mazdean dualism is accounted for by a natural development, and not by a violent rupture between the two branches of the Aryans; on M. Bergaigne's thesis on *Les dieux souverains de la religion védique*, which is a complete repertory of Vedic ideas on the physical and moral world; on M. Guyard's *Théorie nouvelle de la métrique arabe*; and the second part of M. de Vogüé's *Syrie centrale*, containing 400 inscriptions from Sufa, the relation of the characters of the most puzzling of which to the Himyaritic, M. Rénan fully expects will be cleared up within another year.

## BOOK NOTICES.

THE ADI GRANTH, or the Holy Scriptures of the Sikhs, translated from the original Gurmukhī, with introductory essays: by Dr. Ernest Trumpp, Prof. Reg. Orient. Lang. Munich. Printed by order of the Secretary of State for India. pp. cxxxviii. and 715. (London: W. H. Allen & Co., and N. Trübner & Co. 1877.)

We are very thankful for this valuable work. In the nature of things Dr. Trumpp's translation

cannot be perfect, as it is a first attempt to render a most difficult book. But it forms an excellent commencement of scientific investigation in a region in which we have hitherto had little else but

"Conjectures, fancies, built on nothing firm."

लिङ्गनामनुशासनं रचितवानर्थवैतसिद्धये ॥ ११ ॥

सूक्ताङ्गिष्ठविधीषिष्यार्थं पयोत्तोष्य तेनः सारं यहीन्वा

सुगमं भव्यं व्यापि चेदं लिङ्गनामनुशासनं रचितवान् ।

अन्वयः कीदृशं स्पष्टीकृतपन्थयम् । अस्पष्टाः स्पष्टीकृताः पन्थाः । किन्तु अत्र ह्युन् इत्यादयो यत्र । पन्थवानो सोदाहरणानां पदार्थान्स्पष्टतां पयोत्तोष्य मन्दवतयो न मुच्यन्तीति भावः । इति अहं श्रीमन्मन्त्रिभूषणो वैतसिङ्गोऽयं सारस्वामिनः कृतो हर्षवर्धनं कृतलिङ्गनामनुशासनटीकायां सर्ववर्णकानां पितृलिङ्गपुत्र-गणम् ॥ समाप्तमिति लिङ्गनामनुशासनटीकायामिति शुभं भवतु शुभ-मस्तु ॥

— "जायतेनः पुतेन न मम शीर्षेण पाथोपमः

काव्येनातिमनोरमः प्रणयिनामासन्नकल्पद्रुमः ।

जातः सपति हर्षवर्धन इति पञ्चमावकांतिः सतां

तेनेदं रचितं परोपकृतये लिङ्गभिधानं शुभम् ॥ ११ ॥

<sup>12</sup> Compare concluding verse of the *Lingmūḍasāṁskṛt* quoted in the preceding note.

<sup>12</sup> Aufrecht, *Opf. Catal.* p. 176.

<sup>13</sup> *Rajast.* IV. 488: compare also S. P. Pandit, *Trans. Or. Congr.* 1876, p. 352.

<sup>14</sup> The *Lingmūḍasāṁskṛt* begins:—

श्रीमणेऽय नमः श्री नमो विप्रहर्षे ॥ ओम् ।

नमो रचितदुर्गारदेत्यचकाय चक्रिणे ।

समूहभरागारस्तम्बो [स्त्री] मृतेकवाहवे ॥ १ ॥

मनोरमतमैर्दुर्गैः सज्जनानन्दवर्धनम् ।

लिङ्गनामनुशासनं स्पष्टं यथावुचि विधीयते ॥ २ ॥

बहुभावेनैवेष्ट्वीपि भव्यं तालित्वयोगतः ।

स्पष्टं स्पष्टीकृतैरर्थैर्विदं लिङ्गनामनुशासनम् ॥ ३ ॥

इदानीं शीघ्रकरणमाकारादिकमेव दर्शयन्नाह ॥

आदीदत् । शिवाय मायो गङ्गा लक्ष्मीचम्पका ।

पयोपसहिता भूमिचक्रविपुत्रदीप्ता ॥ १ ॥

End: व्याडे: शंकराचर्योर्वरुणोर्विधाने: पाणिने:

सूक्ताङ्गिष्ठविधीषि [त्रि] षाये सुगमं श्रीवर्धनसम्पन्नः ।

भव्यं व्यापि च हर्षवर्धन इदं स्पष्टीकृतपन्थयं

The *Adi Granth*, or *Granth Sahib* as it is often reverentially called, has a twofold claim on attention. First of all, it is invaluable in a linguistic point of view. It is a perfect treasure-house of old Hindi words and forms: It thus gives great assistance in tracing the origin and progress of the modern vernaculars of Northern India. How these arose out of the ancient Prākṛits is still a dark problem, but one on which the *Granth* throws considerable light. Secondly, it gives an authoritative statement of the teaching of the early Sikh *gurus*. Much has been written about Sikhism; but documentary proof has seldom accompanied assertion.

The Indian Government deserves praise for agreeing that the *Granth* should be translated; and it made an excellent selection when it appointed Dr. Trumpp to the performance of the task. Dr. Trumpp is not only a good Sanskritist, but he has made a special study of Sindhi and the cognate dialects of Northern India.

The labour which the rendering of the *Granth* involved was very great. Of the dialect in which it is composed—an old form of Panjābī<sup>1</sup>—there is neither grammar nor dictionary. The interpretation is very imperfectly known to the most learned Sikh *gurus*; while the Brāhmanas, whose acuteness and patience in research would have done excellent service, have never condescended to study so heretical a book. Dr. Trumpp left Germany and proceeded to India to obtain what help he could in his arduous task. He found three commentaries on the *Granth* which were of considerable use; but, on the whole, he worked, we may say, single-handed. He spent seven years in executing the translation.

We do not at present enter into any linguistic inquiries. The volume presents the *Japji* (more accurately, *Japu-jī*)—the first, and according to the Sikhs the holiest, portion of the *Granth*—in the original. Let us hope that some of the readers of the volume may overcome their repugnance to the Gurmukhī character, which looks so like a perverse metamorphosis of Devanāgarī, and work through these seven pages as a commencement in mastering the language.

In addition to a translation and sufficiently full annotations, Dr. Trumpp has given a short preface and five valuable introductory essays. Thus we have the Life of Bābā Nānak translated from the *Janam Sakhī*; which appears in two forms that are remarkably contrasted. We have next a sketch of the lives of the other Sikh *gurus*; then an outline of the Sikh religion; then a short essay on the composition of the *Granth*; and finally, a dissertation on the language and metres used in it.

<sup>1</sup> There are some *ślokas* of Toy Bahādur's written in pure Hindi.

Bābā Nānak<sup>2</sup> was born A. D. 1469. He was not a man of education, nor possessed of any remarkable force of mind. He was simply a devout mystic. His teaching was chiefly drawn from the writings of the celebrated Kabīr, who lived not very long before him. The sayings of Bābā Nānak, which were all preserved in verse, were collected along with those of other holy men by Guru Arjuna, who lived about a century after Bābā Nānak (1581-1606). From the time of Guru Arjuna, Sikhism sustained an important change. His predecessors had been quietists, but he was a man of capacity, who affected the pomp of a great leader, and intermeddled with political affairs. The Sikhs gradually grew into a nation of warriors, inflamed with rancorous hostility to the professors of other creeds, especially the followers of Muhammad. The most remarkable of the later *gurus* was Govind Singh, who slighted the *Granth* as infusing a tame humility into the hearts of men. He produced a second *Granth*, called "The book of the tenth king (or reign)," which breathes throughout a fierce and warlike spirit. In several points Guru Govind receded from the doctrines of the *Adi Granth* (the original *Granth*), and turned back towards Hinduism. This last of the great *gurus* died in 1708.

The *Granth* has been said to inculcate Monotheism. But this is a mistake, if the term monotheism is used in its ordinary sense. The teaching of the *Granth* is prevailingly pantheistic. It declares that God and the universe are not distinct; as "in a wave the froth and bubbles are not distinct from the water." The notion that the universe is distinct from God arises from *mydā*.

According to Dr. Trumpp there are two forms of Pantheism in the work—a finer and a grosser. The grosser holds that the universe is an expansion of God. The finer considers the universe to be an emanation from God. But the *Granth* is self-contradictory, and occasionally (for instance, when it asserts the Supreme to be distinct from the universe, as the lotus is distinct from the lake it floats in) it is not properly pantheistic. The Supreme God is never—or scarcely ever—prayed to in the *Granth*. The subordinate gods are prayed to; and so is the *guru*. Indeed, the exaltation of the *guru* is one of the most characteristic features of the system. The saints also are to be greatly revered. The chief end which man is to desire is the cessation of individual existence; and the great means of attaining this longed-for goal is the repetition of the name of Hārī. But the right knowledge and utterance of this all-powerful name can be obtained only from the true *Guru*.

<sup>2</sup> See a sketch of his life, *Ind. Ant.* vol. III. pp. 295-300.

<sup>3</sup> It is written not in Panjābī, but Hindi.



Caute is slighted rather than attacked.

It is a mistake to suppose that Bābā Nānak sought to blend the chief dogmas of Islām and Hinduism. The Sufism of the Persians is very similar to Vedantism; and the pantheism of the *Granth* may be classed with either system. Dr. Trumpp is more than half disposed to think that Kabīr was originally a Musalmān (see note, p. 682). It is a vexed question, on which we pronounce no judgment. On the whole, however, the effect of Islām on the Sikh system has been considerable.

No reverence is paid to the holy books either of Hindus or Muhammadans. The *Granth* is an all-sufficient teacher.

It will be seen, even from what has now been said, that the *Granth* contains little or nothing that is really new. The readers of the poets—whether Hindi, Bangālī, or Marāṭhī—of the Vaishnava school will very seldom come on a sentiment in this book which is not familiar to them. Indeed, several of the poems of Nāmā, or Nāmdēv, who was one of the earliest Marāṭhī poets, are embodied in the *Granth*. This subject deserves the attention of Marāṭhī scholars. In the mean time we assume that in the form in which they appear in Panjābī these can only be translations, and are not the original compositions of the tailor poet,\* (an Oriental "Alton Locke," shall we say?) who lived at Pandharpur. Moreover, the influence of Kabīr has been very great in the Marāṭhī country, as well as in the Panjāb and Northern India generally, so that the coincidences now referred to need excite no surprise.

Dr. Trumpp often speaks disparagingly of the *Granth*. He says, "It is a very big volume, but incoherent and shallow in the extreme, and couched at the same time in dark and perplexing language in order to cover these defects." (Preface, p. vii.) Again he says that "as regards its contents, it is perhaps the most shallow and empty book that exists, in proportion to its size." (p. cxiii.) Certainly it cannot be rated high either as a philosophical or poetical production. Yet it has a value. These old *gurus* and devotees were feeling after God. There seems to us earnest religion in Bābā Nānak and several of his successors. We confess to a feeling of exceeding sadness as we read the outpourings of their hearts. They hungered for bread, and Hinduism gave them a stone. They needed union with a loving, conscious God in mind, heart, will; and Hinduism told them they must seek to be absorbed and lost in the immeasurable All.

It is difficult to read much of the *Granth* at a sitting. Its repetitions are endless;—the same

ideas and even illustrations recur perpetually. Bābā Nānak himself is one of the least attractive of the sages of whose sayings the book is made up, being in point of clearness and force decidedly inferior to Kabīr. We are much inclined to agree with him when he says in one place, "O Nānak, the telling of it is hard iron." At least we have felt it oftentimes as difficult to hammer out a definite meaning from his words as to hammer out a piece of hard cold iron! But we shall let our readers judge. Take the commencement and conclusion of the *Japu*:—

"Om! The true name is the creator, the Spirit without fear, without enmity, having a timeless form, not produced from the womb.

"By favour of the Guru!

"*Japu*.—At the beginning is the True One, at the beginning of the Yuga is the True One. The True One is, O Nānak, and the True One also will be.

1. "By meditation (and) meditation it (*i.e.* the knowledge of the True One) is not effected, though I meditate a hundred thousand times.

"By silence (and) silence is not effected, though I keep a continual absorption of mind. The hunger of the hungry does not cease, though I bind together the load of (all) the worlds.

"There may be acquired a thousand, a hundred thousand dexterities; not one goes with (at the time of death).

"How does one become a man of truth (*knowing the True One*)? how is the embankment of falsehood broken?

"He who walks in his (*i.e.* God's) order and pleasure, O Nānak! (and) with (whom) it is (thus) written."

38. "Continence is the workshop, patience the goldsmith. Understanding the anvil, the *Peda* the tool. Fear the bellows, the heat of austerities the fire. The vessel is love; in this melt Amṛta (*nectar*). (Then) the *śabda* is formed in the true mint. This is the work of those on whom his look and the destiny is (*fixed*). O Nānak, the looker-on is happy by the night.

"*One Shloka*.—Wind is the Guru, water the father, the great earth the mother. Day and night the two are female and male nurse; the whole world sports.

"Dharma-rājā rehearses the good and bad works in the presence (*of God*). By their own actions some are near and some are afar off (*from God*). By whom the name (*of God*) has been meditated upon, they are gone (*to the other world*), having cast off their labour.

"O Nānak, their faces are bright, and with them

\* Dr. Trumpp (pp. cxix., 98) affirms that he was a calico-printer; the Marāṭhī called him a *shimp*.

(after them) how many people are saved (liberated)!" (p. 13)

The following two extracts will afford fair specimens of the general style of the *Granth* :—

"O beloved, mutter Hari, Hari! Having taken the wisdom of the Guru, say Hari!"

"O mind, if the touchstone be applied to the True One, if he be weighed by a full weight: his value is not obtained by any one, O heart! he is a priceless gem." (p. 33.)

"The nectar-speech of the Guru is sweet. Some rare disciple has tasted and seen it. In (his) heart there is light; he drinks the great juice (of Hari); at the true gate he makes himself heard." (p. 158.)

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MĀLAVIKĪ ET AGNIMITRA, Drame Sanscrit de Kalidasa, traduit pour la première fois en Français par P. E. FOUCAUX, Professeur au Collège de France, etc. etc. Paris: Ernest Leroux, 1877.

Professor Weber and Mr. Shankar P. Pandit, who have dared to reverse the decision of the late Horace Hayman Wilson, that the *Mālavikāgnimitra* is not the work of the great Kālidāsa, the author of the *Śakuntalā*, may claim M. Foucaux as an ally. He gives forth no uncertain sound on this point:—"Sans mettre Mālavikā et Agnimitra sur la même ligne que Sakountalā, nous nous permettons de n'être pas de l'avis de l'illustre Wilson. D'accord avec M. A. Weber, l'auteur d'une élégante traduction allemande du drame si sévèrement jugé; d'accord aussi avec M. Shankar Pandit, l'éditeur du texte Sanskrit de Bombay, nous dirons que dans les pensées, et jusque dans la manière de les exprimer, dans le dialogue et dans les stances tout présente avec le style de *Sakountalā* et d'*Ouvrasi* un air de famille si marqué, qu'il est impossible de n'y pas reconnaître le même auteur."

We must confess that this profession of faith on the part of M. Foucaux gives us considerable satisfaction. We have occasionally felt twinges of scepticism on discovering some of the expressions and thoughts, on which Mr. Shankar Pandit lays great stress as characteristic of Kālidāsa's style, in Sanskrit dramas not ordinarily attributed to the author of the *Śakuntalā*. The traditional belief is the more comforting doctrine, and it is pleasant to find it supported by such good critical authority.

The translation at present before us is evidently intended for the general reader, and therefore we shall not criticize the transliteration of the Sanskrit names. The spelling 'Sakountalā' wears a somewhat unlovely aspect to a British eye, but is, we suppose, justified by sound phonetic reasons in the Gallic land. 'Tchandrikā' is, no doubt, a choice of evils, but we should prefer the other alternative, however terrible it might be.

We feel, too, that our nationality is somewhat in our way in passing judgment upon the transla-

tion itself. It seems to us to be full of point and grace, but this is a question which none but Frenchmen are qualified to decide. It is as difficult for a Briton to discover Sanskritisms in French as to point out the objectionable Patavinities in Livy. One thing, however, is certain—that it is a very faithful representation of the original. In one or two points we feel disposed to differ from M. Foucaux. For instance, on page 54 we find the stage direction *Iravati entre en simulant l'ivresse*. This does not seem to us quite literal. We believe that there was no 'simulation' in the case, M. Foucaux seems to agree with us a little further on. We find on the same page *Iravati s'avancant aussi vite que le permet son état d'ivresse*. In a note on the *Intermezzo* we find the Mandākinī explained as *L'un des bras du Gange*. Mr. Shankar Pandit's view seems to us the true one:—"There is no doubt that the Mandākinī of the present passage is a river of the Dekhan. And further it is probable that it may here stand for the Narmadā, in conformity with a practice, still very common all over India, of designating any sacred river by the most sacred river-name, as Gangā, &c." He goes on to observe that one of the MSS. he has used gives the Prākṛit equivalent of Narmadā. This view harmonizes better with the other geographical notices in the play. But both of the passages we have quoted may be literary 'economy.'

It cannot be denied that, among Englishmen at any rate, there exists a belief that no Sanskrit literature will repay perusal. This is due to the fault of the Sanskritists themselves, who, as a general rule, show no judgment in selecting for translation works which possess literary merit and are of general interest. The three Sanskrit compositions which have been selected to form part of the *Bibliothèque Orientale Elzévirienne* are perhaps as favourable specimens of the Hindu muse as could be chosen. The first to appear, viz. the Stanzas of Bhartṛihari, by M. Regnaud, has already been reviewed in our columns.

The *Mālavikāgnimitra*, though the plot turns on a mere palace intrigue, is interesting as a picture of Indian manners at a time when Buddhism was still a favoured religion, and the Hindu genius possessed an *élan* which is now lost. It is written in a witty and animated style, and is one of the least tedious of Sanskrit dramas. The interest scarcely ever flags, except perhaps in the third act, where the foot-painting process is rather wearisome to a European reader.

M. Foucaux has adopted the admirable expedient of enclosing those passages, which are metrical in the original, in inverted commas. This will enable his readers to form a better idea of the peculiar character of the Sanskrit drama. The notes are just what is required, without any unnecessary parade of learning. We believe that this attractive little volume will do much to interest the European public in Sanskrit literature.



GURJARA GRANTS, No. II.  
THE UMETĀ GRANT OF DADDA II.

(See Ind. Ant. vol. V. p. 110 ff.)

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THE subjoined grant of Dadda II. of Bharoch was discovered in 1875 by the Rev. Joseph Taylor, of Borsūd, in the house of a Vāṇiā at Umetā (Khedā zillā). Mr. Taylor at first presented me with a paper impression of the plates, and later very kindly moved the owner (not without considerable trouble) to lend the original for a few days. During that time I had a half-size photograph taken, which, as the plates were in a very fair condition, came out very distinct and clear. It is from a copy of this photograph that the annexed photosinograph has been prepared.

The measurements of the plates are 12 inches by 17½. The left-hand ring with the seal is still in its proper position. The latter appears to bear the same inscription as that of Dr. Burn's Khedā plates, *Śrīśūmantadaddaḥ*. But the letters on the seal are so much corroded that it would be impossible to decipher them without the help of the earlier grants. Both the plates and the seal are very massive, and the former nearly free from verdigris. They have been well kept, and probably have been cleaned with tamarind juice. The letters are large and deeply incised, with the exception of the last line of Plate I. and of the beginning of the last line of Plate II. For in the latter the strokes intended to form the last syllables of the word *mādhava* run one into the other, and the name is not clearly distinguishable even on the photograph.

The grant itself closely resembles the Ilāo grant, likewise issued by Dadda II., which has been published by Professor Bhāṇḍārkar in the *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. X. pp. 19 seqq., as regards both the letters and the wording. As might be expected from the proximity of their dates—Śaka s. 400 and 417—they are both copies of the same model form. Professor Bhāṇḍārkar's remarks on the characters of the Ilāo plates are all applicable to the Umetā grant also. I have only to add that in a few

instances the elements of compound consonants are placed not vertically, the one below the other, but horizontally, side by side. Thus we find *ṇ* for *ita*. (Pl. I. l. 14, Pl. II. ll. 5, 18.) Worthy of notice is also the occurrence of the *virāma* in the shape of a horizontal stroke placed below the vowelless consonant (Pl. I. l. 1., Pl. II. l. 13). The peculiar shape of the letters occurring in the signature of the king have been noticed in my article on the Kāvī plate of Jayabhata,<sup>1</sup> and I still adhere to the opinion that these letters represent the forms used in everyday life. I may add that, since the article on the Kāvī inscription was written, I have received news of a Jaina palm-leaf MS., preserved in the Sanghavina pādā Bhāṇḍār at Anhilvād-Pāṭhaṇ, which dates from the end of the tenth century A.D., and shows the usual Jaina-Devanāgarī forms.<sup>2</sup> The lately published grant of the first Chaulukya king of Pāṭhaṇ, Mūlarāja I., which belongs to the same period, is written with the much more antique-looking Kāyastha Devanāgarī character. This fact proves that in the tenth century, at least, the characters used for literary purposes differed from those employed for official documents. It consequently confirms the interpretation which, first, Prof. Dowson, and myself later, have put on the occurrence of two alphabets in the Gurjara plates.<sup>3</sup>

The *vaṇḍikvaṇ* furnishes no new information. It gives the well-known three kings of the Gurjara dynasty—Dadda or Dada I.,<sup>4</sup> Jayabhata, surnamed Vitarāga, and Dadda II., surnamed Prasāntarāga, whose names were first correctly given by Professor Bhāṇḍārkar. Little information regarding the events of their reigns can be gathered from the inscriptions of Dadda II. An allusion to the war with Valabhi, of which Jayabhata speaks in the Kāvī grant, is, in my opinion, contained in the epithet *payonidhṛitabhayataṭovana-lekhavihṛitanirankuśalānapravāḥapravṛittadig-*

<sup>1</sup> Ind. Ant. vol. V. p. 110.

<sup>2</sup> The information comes from Pandit Nārāyaṇīkar of Surat, who spent more than six months at Pāṭhaṇ and carefully examined the palm-leaf MSS. preserved there.

<sup>3</sup> The spelling is worse in our grant than in the Ilāo *śāma*. A good many mistakes are due to carelessness on the part of the engraver. Others, e.g. *śamaya* (Pl. I.

l. 8) for *śamaya*, *niśtrima* (ibid.) for *niśtrima*, *śamachāṇava* (Pl. II. l. 6) for *śamachāṇava*, belong probably to the writer of the original, whose ignorance of Sanskrit is also attested by such grammatical mistakes as *prīmaś . . . prāṇīpāṇava*, *līlāśamachāṇava*, &c.

<sup>4</sup> I consider the latter merely a misspelling. Dadda corresponds to the modern Dādāji and the first syllable ought therefore to have two consonants.

*dantigunasamūhah* (Pl. II. II. 9-10).<sup>3</sup> But it is so dark that without the Kāvi plate nothing could be made of it. My explanation of the epithet *adhikagurumahasampathavimaladibhāsita-jivalokah*, 'who possesses an exceeding store of affection for his spiritual guide, and has illuminated the world of the living by his pure precepts' (Pl. I. I. 12), especially if taken together with the preceding and following sentences, permits perhaps the inference that Dadda II. was a particularly pious ruler, and something of a religious reformer. But it is impossible to say what he really did in this direction, as it is not even clear to which sect he belonged. It is more satisfactory that the discovery of the situation of Nāndipurī of the Gurjara plates allows us to determine the exact site of the capital of these kings. Professor Bhāṇḍārkar asserts that 'the seat of the Gurjara dynasty was Bharooh,' and adds that this appears to have been the name of the city, as well as of the country around it.<sup>4</sup>

The latter statement is quite correct, the former nearly so. The town and the district have, no doubt, borne the same name from very early times. But the Gurjara kings did not reside in the town itself; they lived in a fort just outside the gates. The two Khedā grants of Dadda II. are both dated *nāndipurīṭṭh*, 'from Nāndipurī.' The analogy of the expression *valabhīṭṭh*, 'from Valabhī,' which occurs on many Valabhī grants, led me to conjecture that this must be the name of the Gurjara capital. My inquiries for an old site bearing this appellation remained for a long time without result. At last Rāo Sāheb Gopālji G. Desai, Deputy Educational Inspector of Bharooh, learned from Bharooh Brāhmins that an old fort of this name had existed just outside the Jhadeśvar gate, to the

east of Bharooh. This statement, which is said to be supported also by the *Revāmdhātmya*, fully agrees with the information regarding Dadda's residence derived from the Ilāo and Umetā plates. Both open with the phrase *Om svasti vijayavikshapāti bharukachchhā-pradvāraṇḍakāt*. It cannot be doubtful that *vāṇakāt* must be read for *ndakāt*, which latter word is utterly without meaning. The document from which the copper-smith who incised the inscription copied was probably written throughout in the current-hand characters which he has preserved in the signature, and in these the *va* had, without doubt, the form *Ṭ*, which appears in *svahast* and *vitaraṅga* (Pl. II. I. 16) and on the Rāthor grants. Thus he came to read and to write *Ṭ* instead of *Ḍ*. But, independently of this consideration, the correction is made extremely probable by the occurrence of phrases like *jayakandhāvārāt khud-davedhyāvāsakāt* or *bhadropāttavāsakāt* on the Valabhī plates. The meaning of the corrected phrase can only be "Om. Hail! From the camp of victory which dwells, i.e. is fixed, before the gates of Bharooh."<sup>5</sup> This fits the fort of Nāndipurī, outside the Jhadeśvar gate, exactly. It may therefore be considered certain that the seat of the Gurjara government was located not in Bharooh itself, but close to its eastern gate. I may add that in many other cases the palaces of Hindu rājās lie just outside the gates of the chief towns of their dominions. A particularly striking instance of this kind is the residence of the Rājā of Bikaner, which lies at a distance of several hundred yards, and entirely separate from the town, towards the north-west.

The date of the grant, Vaiśākha Paurṇamāsī or Śuddha 15 of Śaka saṁvat 400, teaches us nothing new, as we know from the Ilāo grant that

<sup>3</sup> See below, and *Ind. Ant.*, vol. V. p. 111.

<sup>4</sup> *Jour. As. Soc. Ind.*, vol. X. p. 21.

<sup>5</sup> See *Jour. As. Soc. N. S.* vol. I. p. 273, where Professor Dowson has mistranslated the word.

<sup>6</sup> Professor Bhāṇḍārkar, misled by the unusual expression *vikshapāti* for *skandhāśvra*, and the mistake *vāṇakāt* for *vāṇakāt*, changes the latter to *vāṇakāt*, and translates, "Security (freedom) from interruption in the race of victory calculated to violate the gate of the city of Bharukachchhā." The objections to this rendering are: (1) That *svasti* at the beginning of inscriptions is always used as an interjection, and never connected with the following words. (2) That *pradvāra* does not mean 'gate,' but 'the place in front of the gates' (vide *Pet. Dict.* s. v.), and that *pradvāra* on the plate cannot, as he thinks, be read *pāṇḍvāra* also, as *pā* on the Gurjara plates is *ṣ* (vide *pūṣṭa*, Pl. I. I. 5). The form *ṣ* for *pā* is known to me only from the Chaṇḍakya and similar plates in Kāyastha-

Devanāgarī, as well as from the Śāradā and Jaina Devanāgarī MSS. (3) That *vāṇakāt* does not mean 'calculated to injure.' (4) That the analogy of numerous other grants, especially of all those issued by Valabhī and Gurjara princes, requires that the place where the grant was issued should be named. With respect to my own translation, I have to state that I have been unable to find a lexicographical authority for the meaning, 'camp,' which I have assigned to *vikshapāti*. I base my interpretation chiefly on the fact that the word occupies exactly the place where other inscriptions have *skandhāśvra*, 'camp.' Possibly *vikshapāti* may be a hitherto untraced technical word which possesses a meaning slightly different from *skandhāśvra*. It may mean 'entrenchment' or 'permanent camp.' The final decision of this question must be reserved for the future. It ought, however, to be noted that *balahārikāship* is used in the sense of 'to cause an army to pitch camp' (see *Pet. Dict.* s. v. *kāship* + *nt*).



Dadda II. reigned at least until Śaka saṁvat 417. I have not the slightest doubt that the Śaka era meant here is, as Professor Bhāṇḍārkar has first shown, the era beginning in 78-9 A.D., and that the Umetā plate is just 1400 years old.

The grantee was a native of Kānyakubja or Kānoj, a Bahvricha, i.e. Rīgvedī, Bhatta Mādhava, son of Bhatta Mahidhara, who was conversant with all the four Vedas. The village of Nigūḍa was granted to him for the purpose of defraying the expenses of an Agnihotra and other sacrificial rites. It is a matter of great regret that, in spite of numerous inquiries made in Central and Northern Gujarāt, it has been hitherto impossible to identify the Bhukti and the villages mentioned in the grant. I suspect that they were situated in the Gaikvādī districts. Of some importance is the name of the official Mādhava bhaṭṭa, who wrote the grant, as the writer of the Ilāo grant was Reva, the son of Mādhava. The occurrence of

Mādhava's name on our plate is a strong proof in favour of its genuineness.

In conclusion I will repeat what I have already stated in a note to the article on Jayabhaṭṭa's Kāvī plate,\* viz. that the Umetā plate possesses great interest, because it is the original according to which a Valabhi grant attributed to Dharmasena II. has been manufactured. This forgery belongs to the Bombay Branch Royal Asiatic Society, and was first noticed by Dr. Bhāṇḍārkar.<sup>10</sup> I have only once been able to get hold of it, for a few minutes. But the first glance satisfied me that it is almost an exact copy of the Umetā grant, in which nothing but the kings' names seemed to have been altered. The characters even are Gujārā, not Valabhi letters. As this forgery is probably ancient, it may assist in settling the initial date of the era of the Valabhi plates. For it may be presumed that the forger chose the name of a king whose times were not too far distant from those of the real donor.

Plate I.

- [<sup>1</sup>] ओ स्सस्ति विजयविशेषात् मरुक्च्छप्रद्वारावसक्तु सकलघनपटलविनिर्गतम्-<sup>11</sup>  
 [<sup>2</sup>] निकरकरावबोधितकुमुदधवलपशप्रतापस्यगितनभोमंडलोनकसमरसंकटप्रमु-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] खगतनिहतशत्रुसमंतकुलावधुप्रभातशमयकदितफलोद्गीयमानविमलनिस्तुंशप्रतापो दे-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] बहिजातिगुरुचरणकमलप्रणमोद्भूतवज्रामणिकोटिकचिरादिधितिविराजितमकुटो-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] ज्ञासितशिराः दिनानाथातुरभ्यागताविजनमिष्टपरिपूरितविभवमनोरयोपचीयमानतृ-  
 [<sup>6</sup>] विष्टपैकसहायधर्मसंचयः प्रणयपरिकुपितमानिनीजनप्रणामपुर्व्वमधुरावचनोपपा-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] दितप्रसादप्रकाशिकृतविदग्धनगरकस्वभावो विमलगुणपंजरशिक्षप्रबलकलितिमिरनिचय श्री-  
 [<sup>8</sup>] महदस्तस्य सनु समदप्रतिद्वंद्विगजगदाभेदिनिस्तुंशविक्रमप्रकटितमृगपतिकिसोरविर्व-  
 [<sup>9</sup>] वलेपः पयोनिधीकृतउभयतटप्ररुधनलेवृद्धतनिरंकुशदानप्रवाहप्रवृत्तदिग्द-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] न्तिविभ्रमगुणसमुहः स्फटिककर्पूरपिण्डपण्डुरपशब्धन्दनचर्चितकुसुमसुभ्रतगगनलक्ष्मीप-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] योधरोतंगः श्रीजयभद्रस्तस्यमज प्रतिहतसकलजगदवापिदोषाधिकारविभिन्नितसं-  
 [<sup>12</sup>] ततातमोवृन्विधिकगुरुस्नेहसंपत्कविमलदिशोद्भासिताजिबलोकः परमबोधसमनुगतो  
 [<sup>13</sup>] विपुलगुर्जरनृपान्मयप्रदीपतोमुपगतः समधिगतपंचमहाशब्दमहाराजाधिराजश्रीमहदः

\* Ind. Ant. vol. V. p. 110.

<sup>10</sup> Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc. vol. VIII. p. 244.

<sup>11</sup> L. 1, read ओः वासकान्. The वे used here is the current-hand letter: see remarks below. L. 2, read यज्ञः, L. 3, read प्रमुखा, —सामंतकुलवधू— समयः—निस्त्रिंशः. L. 4, read प्रणामी, बभूव—रुचिरदीधिः—सुकुटो. L. 5, read दानाः—सुगन्धः—ह्रिष्टः, निविष्टवै. L. 6, read पुर्व्वमधुरवचनो. L. 7, read प्रकाशकृतः नागरकः. निचयः. L. 8, read

सनुः, वटा, निस्त्रिंशः, किशोरवीर्यो. L. 9, read कृतोमयः—प्रकटः—वनलेख according to Prof. Bhāṇḍārkar's correction;—मनुचं according to the same. L. 10, read समुहः कर्पूरः—पाण्डुर. L. 11, read रोतंगः—जयमटः—स्वात्मजः—विजृम्भित. L. 12, read ततः—हृचिरं, according to Prof. Bhāṇḍārkar's correction; जीवः. L. 13, read नृपान्मयप्रदीपतावुः.

- [<sup>14</sup>] कुशली सर्वनेव राष्ट्रपतिविषयपतिपामकुटायुक्तकानियुक्तकाधिकमहत्तरादीन्समाज्ञपयति<sup>15</sup>  
 [<sup>15</sup>] अस्तु वो विदितं यथा मय मातापिनोरात्मनश्चैवाभुम्भिकपुन्ययशोभिवृद्धये कान्यकुब्जवा-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] स्तव्यतचतुर्विंशसमाम्यवशिष्टसगोत्रवृक्षसत्रज्ञचारिभट्टमहिधरस्तस्य सुनु भट्टमधव

## Plate II.

- [<sup>1</sup>] बलिचरुवैश्वदेवामिहोत्रपञ्चमहायज्ञादिकृपोत्सर्पणार्थं कमनीयशोडशतं<sup>16</sup>  
 [<sup>2</sup>] भुक्न्यन्तःपातिनिगुडधामोस्पष्टस्यनानि पुर्वस्य दिशि वधौरिपामः दक्षिणस्यां दिशि  
 [<sup>3</sup>] फलहवद्वधामःप्रतिच्यां दिशि विहाणधामः उत्तरस्यां दिशि दहिधलिधामः एवमयं स्वचतुराष्ट-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] नविशुद्धो धामः सोदृङ्ग सपरिकर सधान्यहिरन्यादेय सोमप्रदमानविष्टिक समस्तराजकियानमप्रवेश्य  
 [<sup>5</sup>] अचन्द्रार्कपूर्णवक्षितिसरित्पर्वतसमकालिन पुत्रपौत्रान्वयक्रमोपभोग्य पुर्वप्रत्तदेवब्रह्मदायव-  
 [<sup>6</sup>] र्जमभ्यान्तरासिद्धचक्रकनृपकालातीतसंवत्सरशतचतुष्टयेवैशाखपौर्णमास्यां उदकातिसर्गेण प्रतिपा-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] दितं यतोऽस्योचितय ब्रह्मदापस्थित्या कृपतः कर्षयतौ भुञ्जतो भोजयतः प्रतिदिशतो वा न व्यासेधः  
 [<sup>8</sup>] प्रवर्तितव्य तथागामिभिरपि नृपतिभिरस्मदंश्चैरन्यैर्वा सामान्यभूमिदानफलमवेत्य विन्दूलोलान्य-  
 [<sup>9</sup>] निखान्यैश्वर्याणि तृणमलमजलविन्दुचञ्चलञ्च जीवितमाकलय्य स्वदायनिर्विशेषोयमस्मदायोनुम-  
 न्तव्यः पा-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] लयितव्यश्च तथा चोक्तं बहुभिर्वसुधा भुक्ता राजभिः सगरादिभिः यस्ययस्य यदा भूमिस्तस्यतस्य  
 तदा कलं  
 [<sup>11</sup>] यश्चाज्ञानतिभिरवृतमतिराच्छाद्यादाच्छिद्यमानमनुमोदेत वा स पञ्चभिर्महापातकैश्चरुपातकैश्च  
 [<sup>12</sup>] संयुक्तः स्पदिति उक्तं च भगवता वेदव्यासेन व्यासेन षष्टि वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गे तिष्ठति भूमिदः  
 आच्छे-  
 [<sup>13</sup>] ता चातुमन्ता च तान्येव नरके वसेत् यानीह दत्तानि पुरातनानि दानानि धर्मार्थयशस्कराणि  
 [<sup>14</sup>] निर्भुक्तमान्यप्रतिमानि तानि को नाम साधुः पुनराददाति स्वदत्तां परदत्तां वा यन्नरश्च नराधि-  
 [<sup>15</sup>] पः महीं महीमतां श्रेष्ठ दानाच्छ्रेयोनुपालनं लिखितंश्चैतत्सदानुजीविश्रीबलाधिकृतगिलकसू-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] निना याधवमद्वेन स्वहस्तोयं मम श्रीवितरागशूनो श्रीप्रसन्तरागस्य

## Translation.

Om. Hail! From the camp of victory fixed before the gates of Bharukachchha.<sup>17</sup> There was the illustrious Dada; the splendour of his fame brilliant like the water-lily that uncloses to the rays of the regent of the night

<sup>17</sup> L. 14, read धामकुटायुक्तकानियु as dyuktakar and niyuktakar are frequently mentioned together in other grants;—समाज्ञापयति. L. 15 read मया; 'पुन्य'. L. 16, read तेषातुर्विंशसमाम्य-वशिष्ट-;—महीधरसुतमहमाधवाय.

<sup>18</sup> L. 1, read बलि;—यज्ञादिक्रियो;—perhaps शोडश-तं. L. 2, read स्वाघाटस्थानानि;—पूर्वस्यां. L. 3, read प-नीच्यां. Possibly विहाणधामः. Read उत्तरस्यां;—तथा-दनं. L. 4, read सोदृङ्ग; सपरिकर; सधामहिरन्यादेय;—वि-ष्टिक;—कीयानाम. L. 5, read आचन्द्रार्कपूर्णव; कालीनः—भोग्यः; पूं. L. 6, read अभ्यान्तरासिद्धज्ञा-;—समस्तर-  
 It ought to be noted that the second n in सौर्ण्य looks like a

when he issues forth from a dense bank of clouds, veiled the firmament;<sup>18</sup> the might of his bright sword was always loudly proclaimed by its result, the morning-wail of the wives of crowds of hostile chieftains who had gone forth to meet him in numerous battles and had been

dental n. L. 7, read दितः;—तया. L. 8, read प्रवर्तित-व्य;—सामान्यं. L. 9, read 'तृणाम'; instead of अ in पञ्चल and other words a sign resembling ण occurs on these and on the Ilko plates. Read ययम्भरा. L. 11, read 'राच्छिद्या' Dols ञ in 'महापातकैश्च'. L. 12, read स्पदिति; व्यासेन षष्टि. L. 14, read यज्ञादं. L. 15, read प नराधिप;—लिखितं चै. L. 16, read 'नुना';—addhas looks on the facsimile and on the photo. like male श्रीवितरागशूनोः श्रीप्रसन्नं.

<sup>19</sup> Regarding the translation of this passage see above.

<sup>20</sup> This and the following sentences represent each one Babrujhi compound. Professor Bhāṇḍārkar takes yajñah protidpa as a Dvandva compound, which is also possible.













VALAHI GRANT OF GUJARATI - PLATE II

[illegible]



slain;<sup>14</sup> on his head glittered a diadem that shone with the refulgent rays of millions of diamonds, polished by his prostrations at the lotus-feet of gods, Brāhmanas, and other venerable persons;<sup>15</sup> his store of religious merit, the only friend in heaven, was always being increased in consequence of his liberally fulfilling the desire for wealth of the poor, of the helpless, of the sick, of the wayfarer, of beggars, and of the distressed; he proved his cleverness and polished manners in settling his love-quarrels with proud damsels through prostrations and sweet words; and he threw the dense darkness of the Kali age into the cage of his bright virtues.

His son was the illustrious Jayabhāṭa, who showed the proud valour of a young lion, since by the strength of his sword (*nistriśāvikrama*) he destroyed troops of hostile elephants, mad with rut, just as the lion with fearless stride (*nistriśāvikrama*) kills numbers of rutting elephants which attack him.<sup>16</sup> He possessed in the highest degree the sportive qualities of the guardian elephants of the quarters of the horizon, because he made expeditions in the jungles growing on both the shores (of the gulf of Khambay), just as the elephants roam in the forests growing both on the shores (of the western and eastern oceans), and because his bounty flowed constantly and without stint, just as the elephants constantly shed copious ichor (*nirankuśādānaprasūdhaprasvitta*).<sup>17</sup> He covered with the sandal-ointment of his glory, which was brilliant like crystal or like a lump of camphor, (his own)

body and the high bosom (*samunnatapayodhara*) of Fortune who resembles the sky with its high-rising clouds (*samunnatapayodhara*).<sup>18</sup>

His offspring is the great king of kings the illustrious Dadda, who has dispelled the intense darkness that had grown thick through the power of evil and had overspread the whole world<sup>19</sup>,—who possesses an exceeding store of affection for his spiritual guide, and has illuminated the world of the living by his pure precepts<sup>20</sup>,—who possesses true spiritual knowledge,—who has become the luminary of the extensive Gurjara dynasty, (and) who has obtained the five great titles.

(He,) being in good health, addresses these commands to all governors of zillās, governors of tālukās, headmen of villages, officials and employes, great men, chief men, and others:—Be it known to you, that, for the increase of my parents' and of my own merit in the next world and fame, I have granted, with heartfelt<sup>21</sup> devotion, confirming the gift by a libation of water, on the day of the full-moon of Vaiśākha, in the year four-hundred of the Śaka era, to Bhaṭṭa Mādhava, the son of Bhaṭṭa Mahādhara, an inhabitant of Kānyakubja, who belongs to the Chaturvedīs of that (town), and to the Vaiśiṣṭhagotra in general, and studies the Bahvricha (*śākhā of the Veda*), for the performance of the *Bali*, *Charu*, *Vaiśvadeva*, *Agnihotra*, the five *Mahājñānas*, and similar rites, the village of Nigūḍa, situated in the Kamanṭyaśoḍaśāta Bhukti, the boundaries of which are—to the east the village of Phalaḥavādra, to the west the village of Viḥāpa, to the north

<sup>14</sup> Professor Bhāṇḍārkar changes *phala* to *chala*, I think, unnecessarily. His translation omits the word *pramukhāgata*. *Prakṛāntasamāyāntā* refers both to the fact that the widows of Dadda's enemies naturally renewed their lamentations on re-awakening to a consciousness of their sorrows, and to the custom that the kings of ancient India used to be awakened by the hymns of their herds: compare, e.g., *Yāgyavalkyaśrauta* XI. 73 et seqq.

<sup>15</sup> The diamonds, I think, received an additional polish not by being rubbed against the feet of gods, &c., but by touching the ground during the king's prostrations. *Guru* includes, besides preceptors, parents and other persons to whom reverence is due.

<sup>16</sup> In my opinion *nistriśāvikrama* is intended to convey a double meaning, though Prof. Bhāṇḍārkar renders one only. A *paṇḍit* would hardly allow to pass so splendid an opportunity for a pun. *Vikrama*, if referred to the lion, may either be translated by 'stride or jump,' or by 'attack.'

<sup>17</sup> Regarding this passage see also *Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 111.

<sup>18</sup> Professor Bhāṇḍārkar's translation omits the word *anga*, 'body,' which must refer to the king. The links of this chain of puns are the following:—The king gained glory; according to the custom of the Kavis, glory is compared to every substance of white or brilliant colour. To the latter beings also sandal-ointment. Sandal-oint-

ment is rubbed over the body, especially over the breast. Hence the king's body may be said to be covered with the sandal-ointment of his glory. *Lakṣmi* (Fortune) is, according to Hindu ideas, the spouse of the king. In embracing *Lakṣmi* the king transfers portions of the sandal on his breast to her bosom. The double meaning of *payodhara*, 'cloud' and 'bosom,' finally suggests the comparison of *Lakṣmi* with the firmament, which is considered particularly fitting, because the king's glory may also be said to cover the sky (compare above, the description of Dadda I.).

<sup>19</sup> *Dakṣa*, which I have translated, with Prof. Bhāṇḍārkar, by 'evil,' means, strictly speaking, 'faulty activity,' which prevents the attainment of final emancipation.

<sup>20</sup> My translation differs considerably from Prof. Bhāṇḍārkar's, and this difference is partly caused by the new reading *sampatka* instead of *sampanna*. Finally, which Prof. Bhāṇḍārkar leaves out, proves, in my opinion, that *dāda* does not mean 'the quarters,' but 'precepts.'

<sup>21</sup> This translation is tentative, and based on the analogy of the phrase *paramadharma* which appears on the Rāṭhor and later plates exactly in the position where the earlier ones have *śāhyantaratiddhyā*. But I am not in a position to prove that *tiddhi* is used elsewhere as a synonym of *bhāṭi*. Professor Bhāṇḍārkar omits the compound from his translation.

the village of Dahithali. (*The grant of* this village—which is not to be entered by any royal officials, and to be enjoyed by (*the grantees'* sons, grandsons, and (*remote*) descendants—defined by the (*above-stated*) boundaries, includes the . . . , the rent paid by outsiders,<sup>22</sup> the income in grain and gold, and the right of forced labour, with the exception of former gifts to gods and Brāhmanas, is to be valid as long as moon, sun, sea, earth, rivers, and hills endure. Wherefore nobody is to cause hindrance to him

who, by virtue of the rights conferred by this gift to a Brāhman, cultivates (*the land of this village*), causes it to be cultivated, enjoys it, causes it to be enjoyed by others, or assigns it to others<sup>23</sup>. . . . and this has been written by the servant (*of the king*) Bhaṭṭa Mādhava, the son of the illustrious commander of the forces, Gilaka. This is my sign-manual, (*that*) of the illustrious Praśāntarāga, the son of the illustrious Vitarāga.

### ADDITIONAL VALABHĪ GRANTS, Nos. IX.-XIV.<sup>1</sup>

BY G. BÜHLER.

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The first of the six new grants now published was made over to me by the Editor. The second, which was found in Sorath (Kāthiāvad), I owe to the courtesy of Mr. Bau'd-din, Divan of H. H. the Navāb of Junāgaḍh. The remaining four have been procured from a Vāpi in Alinā (Khedā Zillā), through the good offices of Mr. Harivallabh, Assistant Deputy Educational Inspector, Khedā and Bharuch. It is stated that these plates had been lying in the Vāpi's shop for some time, and that they were found either in Alinā or in the neighbourhood.

#### No. IX.—A GRANT OF GUHASENA.

The plates containing this new grant of Guhasena measure 11·9 inches by 7·7. The rings and seal belonging to them are missing, and verdigris and carbonization have considerably injured them, especially the second.

The characters differ not inconsiderably from those of the other grants issued by Guhasena. They are larger and bolder, and come nearest to the style adopted in the plates of Dhruvasena I.

It is a curious fact that, contrary to the custom observed in all other Valabhī plates, the place whence this grant was issued has not been marked, and that the word *evasti* has been left out.

The *vanśāvalī*, too, differs from that given on other plates. The description of Guhasena is entirely new, and runs as follows:

"(After him, Dhruvasena rules,) the ardent

devotee of Maheśvara, the illustrious Mahārāja, Guhasena, who has removed all stains by the power of his prostrations at that (Dhruvasena's) feet; who resembles Kṛishṇa, as he has defeated the armies of his enemies; who resembles the ocean, since he is replete with pure. . . and valuable gems;<sup>2</sup> who resembles the full moon, as he is lovely in the sight of all mankind."

The most puzzling point in this passage is that Guhasena's own father, Dhara-paṭṭa, is not mentioned at all, and that he is placed immediately after his uncle Dhruvasena I. This is so much the more curious as in the grants of Guhasena's son, Dharasena, Dhara-paṭṭa is not only named, but receives the title Mahārāja, and is spoken of as if he had really ruled.<sup>3</sup> It is perhaps premature to attempt a solution of this difficulty. But from the analogy of similar cases, e.g. that of the omission of Vallabharāja on some Chaulukya plates, I am inclined to conjecture that Dhara-paṭṭa reigned for a very short time only, and that the writer for this reason did not think it worth while to insert his name. The date of the new grant—Samvat 240, *śrāvāṇa siddha*—is of some interest, as it reduces the gap between Dhruvasena I. and Guhasena by six years.

The grantee was the community of Buddhist monks residing in the vihāra founded by Dhruvasena's sister's daughter Duḍḍā in

<sup>22</sup> I take *aparāṭṭa* as the correct form, and dissolve this into *aparā-kara-ṣaṭṭa*. *Upari*, usually spelt *upari*, is a Marāṭhi revenue term which denotes 'a temporary holder who cultivates land in a village where he does not reside.' It seems to me very probable that the *upari* of the plates is the same word. Compare the Gujarāt *aparāṭṭa* and Hindi *aparāṭṭa*, Wilson, *Glossary Ind. Terms*, sub *vr*.

<sup>23</sup> The portion not translated contains the usual admonitions addressed to successors, and the comminatory verses against a resumption of the grant.

<sup>1</sup> See vol. VI. p. 9.

<sup>2</sup> One epithet of *ratna*, which follows *śrāvāṇa* and looks like *adama* or *dayana*. I am unable to make out.

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., below, grants Nos. 10 and 11.



Valabhi. The monastery is mentioned in several other inscriptions.

The name of the village given has been lost. The purpose is the usual one for which grants were given to Buddhas, viz. repairs to the vihāra, food, clothing, &c. for the monks, and

materials for the worship of the Buddhas. In addition the 'acquisition of books of the holy faith' (*addharmāya pustakapāka* . . .) (Pl. II. l. 7) is mentioned.

The fact that the Valabhi monasteries possessed libraries is of some interest.

## TRANSCRIPT.

## Plate I.

- [<sup>1</sup>] ओ प्रसभप्रणतामिवाणां मैत्रकाणांमत्तुलबलसंपन्नमण्डलाभोगसंतुक्तसंप्रहारशत-  
 [<sup>2</sup>] लब्धप्रतापः प्रतापोपनतदानमानाःश्रवोपदिजितानुरागानुरक्तमौलभूतमित्रश्रेणी-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] बल[?]तापराज्यश्रीः परममहेश्वरः श्रीतेनापतिभटार्कस्तस्य सुतस्तत्पादरजोरुष्यावत-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] पवित्रीकृतशिराश्चिरोवनतशत्रुचूडामणिप्रभाविच्युरितपादनत्तपक्तिदिधितिर्दीनानाथकृष-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] णजनोपजीव्यमानविभवः परममहेश्वरः श्रीतेनापतिधरसेनस्तस्यानुजस्तत्प[?] -  
 [<sup>6</sup>] दाभिप्रणामप्रशस्ततरविमलमौलमणिर्मण्वादिप्रणीतविधिविधानधर्मा धर्मराज  
 [<sup>7</sup>] इव विहितविनयव्यवस्थापदतिरिक्खिलभुवनमण्डलाभोगैकस्वामिना परमस्वामिना  
 [<sup>8</sup>] स्वप्रपुषहितरज्याभिषक्तः परममहेश्वरः श्रीमहाराजद्रोणनिहस्तिह इव तस्या-  
 [<sup>9</sup>] नुजस्वभुजवलपराक्रमेण परमजघटानीकानामेकविजयी शरणेयिणाम-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] शरणमवबोद्धा शास्त्रार्थतनानां कल्पतरुरिव मुह्यण्यिनां यथाभिलषितका-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] मकलोपयोगदः परममहाराजकादानुद्घातः परमभावेवतः श्रीमहाराजभुवसेन-  
 [<sup>12</sup>] स्तत्पादाभिप्रणामप्रभावप्रक्षलितशेषकृणः कृण इव निरस्तारातिसनासंगरः  
 [<sup>13</sup>] सागर इव विशुद्धाद्रणमहाहरेरजपूर्णं पूर्णचन्द्र इव सर्वजनतादर्शनाभिरामः  
 [<sup>14</sup>] परममहेश्वरः श्रीमहाराजगुहसेन × कुशली सत्त्वनिव - - - - -  
 [<sup>15</sup>] - - - - - राजस्थानीयामास्यायुक्तकविनियुक्तकद्राक्षिकचाटभट-

## Plate II.

- [<sup>1</sup>] - - - - - [दी[नन्यांश्च] यथा[त]वध्यमा[न - - - - -  
 [<sup>2</sup>] - - - - - [वलभी]पुरे पूज्य दुद्रुकारितवि[हार]स्य - - - - - क - - - - -  
 [<sup>3</sup>] - - - - - प्रत्याय स्सर्वहिरण्यदेयः सदज्ञापराधः [तह - - - - - र - - - - -  
 [<sup>4</sup>] - - - - - चरोवत्तेषु चतुर्षु [मा]तापितो × पुण्याप्यापननिमित्तमान्मनैरिकाभुम्भिक  
 कलावा[सये] - - - - -  
 [<sup>5</sup>] - - - - - तस्य गन्धपुष्पधूपदीपतैलादिक्रियोन्मर्षणार्थं सद्रमस्य पुस्तकोपक - - -  
 [<sup>6</sup>] - - - - - तनादेशसमत्वागताष्टादशानिकाय[?] भ्यन्तरा[?]प्यभिधु[संघ]स्य चीतिरिपिण्डपा[त] - - -  
 [<sup>7</sup>] - - - - - मजायविहारस्य च खण्डस्फुटितविशीर्णप्रतिसंस्कारणान्यमाचन्द्रार्काण्यवशि[तिस्यति]-  
 [<sup>8</sup>] [सरि]यर्जतसमकालीनः भूमिच्छिद्रन्यायेन सोदकेन कमण्डलुना विसृष्टः यतोऽस्योचित - - - - -  
 [<sup>9</sup>] - - - - - परिपन्थना वा कार्प्यागामिनूपतिभिश्चानित्यान्वैश्वर्याण्यस्यिरं शानुष्यं सामान्यं च  
 भूमिदानफलम]  
 [<sup>10</sup>] [वगच्छ]दिरयमस्मदाथोनुमन्तव्यःपालयितव्यश्च यश्चाच्छिन्दादाच्छिदमानं शानुमोदेत स [पञ्चभि]

\* L. 1, several letters are indistinct. L. 2, read 'शेषा-  
 विजिता'. L. 3, read 'गवन्त'. L. 4, read 'दीधिति'. L. 5, read  
 'महेश्वर'. L. 6, read 'प्रशस्ततर'—'मीलि'—'मैन्नादि'.  
 L. 7, del. somewhat over 'मण्डल'. L. 8, read 'तापराज्यश्री-  
 कः'. L. 9, read 'तुमः'—'शरणेयिणी'. L. 12, read

'सेना'. L. 13, विदुकारन is certainly corrupt.

\* L. 2, द indistinct, but not doubtful, on account of  
 parallel passages. L. 4, चरोवत्तेषु चतुर्षु indistinct. L. 5,  
 तस्य doubtful. Only the ra is visible. L. 6, तनादेश  
 doubtful; read सम-भागत. L. 7, यवजाप indistinct.

- [<sup>11</sup>] [मर्मा]पातकैस्तोपपातकैस्संयुक्तस्यादपि चात्र श्लोका भवन्ति यानीह दारिद्र्यभयान्नेर्धनानि  
 [<sup>12</sup>] [धर्माय]तनीकृतानि निर्मान्यवान्तप्रतिमानि तानि को नाम साधुः पुनराददीत विन्ध्या[टवीश्व]-  
 [<sup>13</sup>] [तोयासु]भुष्ककोटरवासिनः कृष्णाहयो हि जायन्ते पूर्वदायं हरन्ति ये ॥ स्वद[त्तां परदत्तां]  
 [<sup>14</sup>] [यो हरे]त वसुधरां गवां शतसहस्रस्य हन्तुः प्राप्नोति किन्विधमिति ॥ दूतको[त्र] ---  
 [<sup>15</sup>] --- पुत्रविष्णुसिंहेनेति ॥  
 [<sup>16</sup>] [स्वहस्तो] मम श्रीमहाराजगुहसेनस्य ॥ सं २४० श्रावण शु ---

No. X.—A GRANT OF DHARASENA II.

This grant of Dharasena II. is written on two plates, each 12.5 inches by 8.5. The right-hand ring, which bears the seal with the nasal device and inscription, is in its proper place. The characters resemble those of the grant of Dharasena, published below.

The plates are well preserved, and at present free from verdigris. But it is evident that they have been cleaned by the finder.

The execution is extremely bad and slovenly. No distinction is made between *i* and *ī*, *u* often stands for *ū*, a *d* standing before *dh* is not marked, and *visarga*, *anundāsika*, and *ā* are frequently left out or misplaced. Besides, there are other numerous mistakes in the spelling, and some little lacunæ. In their incorrectness our plates resemble those of Śīlāditya V. published in *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 16. The Sanskrit of the grant is not quite correct. The uncertainty in regard to the gender of many words, and the frequent substitution of *śa* for *sha*, show that the writer was more accustomed to Prakṛit than to Sanskrit.

The *vamsāvalī* teaches nothing new. But the date—*Varṣākhā*, *badi* 15, of *Samvat* 252—is historically interesting. For the last known grant of Dharasena's father, Guhasena, is dated *Samvat* 248,<sup>\*</sup> and the interval during which the death of the latter and the former's accession to the throne must have taken place is thus reduced to four years.

The objects granted are a field and a well in

the village of Sūryadāsa, and two more fields in the villages of Jotipadraka and Leśudaka.

As regards the geographical position of these villages, as well as of those in the other grants now published, a separate article will be published later, when the results of inquiries in Kāthiāvad have been received.

The measurements of the fields are given in feet, *pāda*, just as in the grant of Dharasena IV., published in *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 16. The *khattukhattādtatithita* (Pl. II. l. 7) is new and unintelligible to me.

The grantees are two Brāhmins, Dāśa and Shashthi (Pl. II. l. 9), belonging to the Sāṇḍilya gotra, and students of the *Ohhandoga-Kaṭhuma śākhā*, i.e. of the Kaṭhuma school of the Sāmadeva, which at the present day is not unknown in Gujārāt. *Shashthi* occurs as a Brāhmaṇical name in Kāśmīrian works. *Dāśa* is not a Sanskrit word; possibly it may be a Deśī nickname.

Two sets of officials are mentioned in the list (Pl. II. l. 4), *vartmapālas* and *pratisarakas*, who do not occur in the other grants. *Vartmapāla* means literally 'a protector of the road,' and probably denotes a watchman who is stationed on the road to prevent robberies. At present, too, the highroads in Kāthiāvad and Rājputānā are guarded by such men, whose huts are placed at intervals of two or three *kos*. *Pratisaraka* means 'watchman' in general, and seems to be used here to designate the night watchmen attached to the villages.

TRANSCRIPT.

Plate I.

[<sup>1</sup>] ओ स्वस्ति वलभीतः प्रसभ प्रणातामित्राणा मैवकाणामनु[ल]वलसंपन्नमण्डलाभोगसंतकसप्रहारशत\*  
 लब्धप्रतापः प्र-

\* L. 15, विष्णु<sup>०</sup> indistinct.  
 \* *Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 207.

\* L. 1, the plates show no distinction between short and long *i*. Read प्रणातामित्राणाः संपहार<sup>०</sup>.







[illegible]



- [<sup>2</sup>] तापो[१]नतदानमानार्जवोपाङ्गितनुरगनुरक्तमौलभूतमिवश्रेणीवलावसरजश्रीः परममहेश्वरः श्री-  
सेनापतिभटर्क-  
[<sup>3</sup>] स्तस्य सुतस्तत्पदरजोरुणावनतपवित्रीकृतशिरा शिरोवनतपशत्रुचूडमणिप्रभाविष्णुरितपादनखप-  
किदीधितिदीनानाथक-  
[<sup>4</sup>] पणजनोपजीव्यमनविभव परममहेश्वरः श्रीसेनापतिधरसेनस्तस्यनुज सपदपणामप्रशस्ततर-  
विमलमौलिमणि-  
[<sup>5</sup>] र्मन्वदिप्रणीतविधिविधानधर्मा धर्मराज इव विहिताविनयव्यवस्थापधातिगखिलभुवनमण्डलाभोगै-  
[क] स्वमिना पर-  
[<sup>6</sup>] मस्वमिना स्वयमुपहित रव्यभिषेको महाविश्रणनावपूतराजश्रीः परममहेश्वर महाराजाश्री-  
द्रोणसिंहः सिंह इव  
[<sup>7</sup>] तस्यनुजः स्वभुजवलपराक्रमेण परमजघटनीकनामैकविजयी शरणेशिणा शरणमवबोध्या शस्त्रा-  
व्यतन्वा-  
[<sup>8</sup>] ना कल्पतरुरिव सुद्वित्यणयिना यथाभिलक्षितकलोपभोगदः परमभागवतः महाराजधुवसेनस्त-  
स्यानुजः  
[<sup>9</sup>] स्तचरणारविन्दप्रणतिप्रविधौताशेषकल्मशः सुविशुधस्वचरितोदकक्षालितासकलकलिकलकः प्र-  
सभनिजिता-  
[<sup>10</sup>] रतिपक्षप्रथितमहिमा परमदिव्यभक्तः श्रीमहाराजधरपट्टस्तस्यात्मजस्तत्पादसपत्न्यावाप्तपुणोदपः  
शैशवत्पभृति खड्गदि-  
[<sup>11</sup>] तीयवहुरेव समदपरगजघटास्फोटनप्रकाशितसत्त्वनिकशस्तत्प्रभावप्रणतारतिचूडरत्नप्रभसंसक्तस-  
व्यपादनखरश्मि-  
[<sup>12</sup>] शंहति सकलस्मृतिपिणीतमार्गासम्पक्परिपालनप्रजद्विदपरजनादद्वर्त्यराजशब्दो रु[प]कातिस्यै-  
व्यगाम्भीर्यबुधिसंपद्भि-  
[<sup>13</sup>] स्मरशशाङ्कद्विरजोदधितूदशगुरुधेनेज्ञानतिशयान शरणागताभयप्रदानपरतया तृणवदपास्ताशेषस्व-  
कार्यफल प्र-  
[<sup>14</sup>] र्थनाधिकार्यप्रदानानन्दितविद्वसुहित्यणयिद्विदय पदचरीव सकलभुवनमण्डलाभोगप्रमोदः परममा-  
[<sup>15</sup>] हेश्वरः श्रीमहाराजगुहसेनस्तस्य सुतस्तत्पदनखमयुखसंतननिशृतजन्हवीजलौघविशालिताशेषक-  
[<sup>16</sup>] ल्मश प्रणयिज्ञतसहस्रोपजीव्यभोगसंपत रूपलोभदिबन्धितः सरसमाभिगमिकैमुणै सहजशक्ति-  
[<sup>17</sup>] शिक्षाविशेषविस्मयिताखिलधनुर्धरः प्रथमनरपातिसमतिमुष्टनामनुपालयिता धर्म-  
[<sup>18</sup>] दायानामपकर्ता

## Plate II.

- [<sup>1</sup>] प्रजोपघतकरिणामुपप्लवान दक्षिणिता श्रीसरस्वत्यैरेकाधिवासस्य सं[ह]तारतिपक्षल-  
[<sup>2</sup>] र्मपरिक्षोभदक्षविक्रम क्रमोपसप्रसविमलपार्थिवश्रीः परममहेश्वरोः महाराजश्रीधरसेन

\* L. 2, read 'पार्जितानुगगात्रु'—'वासरान्वयी' : 'महेश्वर' :  
'भटर्क' L. 3, read 'त्पाद' : 'शिरा' : delete प before शत्रु :  
read 'पूज' : पङ्क्ति. L. 4, read 'जीव्यमानविभव' : 'स्तस्यानुज' :  
तत्पादप. L. 5, read 'र्मन्वादि' : पद्धति' : 'स्वमिना' L. 6,  
read 'स्वमिना' : 'राज्याभिषेक' : 'सज्जश्री' : 'महेश्वर' :  
महाराज. L. 7, read 'तस्या' :—'पटावीका' :—'शरणेशिणा' :  
'मोहाश' L. 8, read 'ना' : 'इत्यणयिना' : 'लवित' :—'महारा-  
ज' :— delete vizarga at the end of the line. L. 9, read 'स्तच-  
रणा' : 'ताशेष' : 'सुविशुद्ध' : 'क्षालित' : 'सम्प' : L. 10, read  
'पति' : 'कमादि' : 'महाराज' : 'पुण्यो' : 'शैशवान्व' : L. 11, read

'बाहु' : 'स्फोटन' : सत्त्वनिकष' : 'तामनिपूत' : 'पभा' सव्य.  
L. 12, read 'संहति' : 'प्रनीत' : 'सम्पक्' : 'प्रमाहरव-  
रंजनारन्व' : रूप' : 'बुद्धिसंपद्भि' : L. 13, read 'कुडिरित' :—  
विद्वज्ज' : 'धनेश' : 'ज्ञान' : 'फल' : 'पा' : L. 14, read 'विद्वत्प-  
द्वय' : 'इदय' : 'पादपातय' : L. 15, read 'न्याद' : 'मन्त्रसं-  
ज्ञानविस्तार' :—'ताशेष' : L. 16, 'सम्प' : 'मावभोगसंपद'  
रूपलोपादिना' : 'सत्त्वसभा' : 'मिनाभि' : 'वै' : L. 17, read  
'विशेषविस्मय' : 'वहा' :  
L. 1, read 'पपातका' : 'लवानां दक्ष' : 'पति' : L. 2, read  
'दक्षविक्रमो विद्वर्जितसंपात' : Delete vizarga after 'महेश्वर'.

- [<sup>3</sup>] × कुशली सर्वानेवायुक्तकद्राज्ञिकः महतरचटभटभुवाधिकरणिकदण्डपक्षिकभोगाधरणिकशौ-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] त्तिकवर्त्मपलप्रतिसरकराजस्थानीयकुमारभासदीनन्याछ यथासबध्यमानका समाज्ञापयत्य-  
 स्तु वस्त-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] विदितं यथा मया मतापितोः पूण्याप्यायनायात्मनश्चैहिकामुष्मिक यथाभिलक्षितफलावाप्तये = सूर्य-  
 दासग्रामे दाक्षि-  
 [<sup>6</sup>] णपूर्वसीमि पदावर्त्तेशतद्वयः वापी च—जोतिपदकग्रमे उत्तरपूर्वसीमि क्षेत्रपादावर्त्तेशतद्वयः विंशोत्-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] रः केशुदकग्रामे खट्खट्वावर्त्तितपादावर्त्ताः पञ्चाविशः एततोदृङ्गं सोपरिकरं सवातभूतधान-  
 हिरण्या-  
 [<sup>8</sup>] देयः सोत्पद्यमानविष्टिकः समस्तराजकीयानामहस्त्रप्रक्षेपणीयं भूमिच्छिन्दनायेन = शाण्डिल्य-  
 [<sup>9</sup>] सगोत्रच्छदोगकौशुमसब्रह्मचारिब्राह्मणदुशाय तथा ब्राह्मणपक्षये ॥ बलिचरुवैश्वदेवामिहोत्रा-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] तिथिपचमहायज्ञिकानां कियानां समुत्सर्पणार्थमाचन्द्रार्कोर्णवसरित्स्थितिसमकालीनं पूर्वपौत्रान-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] यभोग्य उदकसर्गेण ब्रह्मदेयं निक्षिप्तं यतो—सोचितायां ब्रह्मदेयस्थित्या भुजतः कृशतः  
 कर्त्तव्यतः  
 [<sup>12</sup>] प्रदिशतो व न कैश्चित्प्रतिषेधे वार्त्तितव्यमगामिभद्रनृपतिभिश्चास्मदशजैरनिशान्यैश्चर्याणस्त्यर  
 मानुश्य सामान्यं च  
 [<sup>13</sup>] भूमिदानफलमवगच्छद्विरयमस्मदायोनुमन्तव्यः परिपालयितव्यश्छ यश्चैनमाच्छिदादाच्छि-  
 [<sup>14</sup>] [द्य]मानं वानुमोदेत स पंचमिर्म्हहापातकैः सोपपातकैः संयुक्तः स्यादित्युक्तं च भगवता वेदव्या-  
 सेन व्यासेन  
 [<sup>15</sup>] यद्विषयसहस्राणि स्वर्गे तिष्ठति भूमिदः [I] आच्छेता चानुमतां च तानेव नरके वसेत [II] पूर्वदत्ता  
 द्विजतिभ्यो  
 [<sup>16</sup>] यत्नद्वयं यूपिष्ठिर महीमहीमता श्रेष्ठ दानाच्छ्रेयोनुपालनम् । यानीहि दारिद्र्यभयाभरेन्दैर्दनानि ध-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] र्मायतनीकृतानि निर्मार्ग्यवातप्रतिमानि तानि को नाम साधु पुनराददीत लिखितस्मद्विविग्रहा-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] धिकृतस्कन्दभटेन=स्वहस्तो मम महाराजश्रीधरसेनस्य ॥ दू=चिह्निर सं २५२ वैशाख  
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#### No. XI.—A GRANT OF DHARASENA II.

The grant of Dharasena II. is written on two plates measuring 12·8 inches by 6·5. The only damage which the plates have sustained is the loss of the two rings which connected them. They were, however, covered with a thick layer of verdigris, which in some places withstood all attempts at removal, and makes a few letters doubtful.

The letters, which resemble those of the plates of Dhruvasena I. and of Guhasena's

*śāsana* of Samvat 240, are distinct and well incised. The number of clerical mistakes is not very great.

The *śāhisāvali* is the usual one. It ought, however, to be noted that Dharasena II. receives in this grant also the epithet *mahāśmantā*, 'the great feudal chief.' One grant of Dharasena II. being dated Samvat 252,<sup>11</sup> and one Samvat 269,<sup>12</sup> the new date 270 does not add much to our knowledge of the length of the reign of the donor.

<sup>11</sup> L. 3, read शाङ्गिमहतरचाटः, दण्डपक्षिक. L. 4, read 'वर्मपालः' शमात्यादावर्त्तयाजः 'कान्तमा'. L. 5, read माताः पुण्याः—'निलवित', possibly आर्यदासः. L. 8, read anuvandras instead of the visargas; 'च्छिद्रन्यायेन. L. 9, read 'च्छन्दोग. L. 10, read पक्षयः; यज्ञादीनां कियानां; कालीन. L. 11, read भोग्यभुः; देयः; 'द' वनोत्सवः; भुजतः; कृशतः; कर्त्तव्यतः. L. 12, read वा; 'मागामि';

'वर्षा'; 'व्याप्यस्तिर'; माकुष्य सामान्यं. L. 13, read 'मज्ज-  
 च्छद्वि'; 'रायो'; व्याज 'माच्छिन्ना' व्यासेन. L. 14, read 'मानः' युक्तः. L. 15, read वटि; तिष्ठति; छेत्ता; 'मन्ताः' तान्येव;  
 वसेत; 'दत्ता'. L. 16, यज्ञादः; युधि; पक्षी; 'मताः' यानीह.  
 L. 17, read 'वान्त'; साधु; 'निधिव्रहा'. L. 18, read नि-  
 चिरः; वैशाख.

<sup>12</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 60.

<sup>13</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 12.



The grantee is a Rîgvadî Brâhman of the *Sârkarâkshi gotra*—*Vishṇu mitra*, son of . . . mitra, who, a native of *Ānarta-pura*, had settled in *Khetaka* (Pl. II. II. 4-5).

The object granted is the village of *Aśilā-pallikā*, in the *tālukā* (*pathaka*) of *Baṇḍari-jidri*, which belonged to the *zillā* (*śāhā*) of *Khetaka*. The word *śāhā*, which is closely connected with the *śharāṇi* occurring in the *śāsana* of *Dhruvasena I.*, and *Dharasena II.* (of *Saṁvat 269*), and which appears also in a grant of *Dharasena IV.* (*Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 45), is evidently a synonym of *viśaya*, 'zillā,' which here is added to it. *Pathaka*, its sub-division,

has been met with in the grant of *Dhruvasena II.* (*Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 13), and in the inscriptions of the *Chālukyas*.<sup>14</sup>

The purpose for which the grant has been given is, as in the case of all Brâhmanical recipients, the performance of sacrifices.

The officers specified by name are the *Dātaka*, the *Sāmanta* or feudal chief *Śilāditya*, and the *sāndhivigrahika* and *divirapati*, i.e. *Divān* and chief secretary, *Skandabhaṭa*. Among the officials addressed by the king in the preamble to the grant occurs a new class, the *kāthobarike*. I can only register the word, as I am unable to explain it.

## TRANSCRIPT.

## Plate I.

- [<sup>1</sup>] ओ ॥ स्वस्ति विजयस्कन्धावारात् मर्नटाहनकवासकाप्रसभप्रणतामिचाणां मैत्रकाणामनुल-  
बलसपञ्चमण्डलाभोगसंस-  
[<sup>2</sup>] कसंप्रहारशतलब्धप्रतापः प्रतापोपनतदानमानावर्जबोदाईजतानुरागोनुरक्तमौलभूतमित्रश्रेणीबलावस-  
[<sup>3</sup>] राज्यश्रीः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीसेनापतिभटार्कस्तस्य सुतः स्तत्पादरजोदण्डावनतपवित्रीकृतशिरः  
शरोदन [त] शत्रु-  
[<sup>4</sup>] चूडामणिप्रभाविच्छुरितदादनखपङ्क्तिदीपितिः दीनानायकपणजनोपजीव्यमानविभवः परममाहे-  
श्वरः श्रीसे-  
[<sup>5</sup>] नापतिधरसेनः तस्यनुजः तत्पाद[प्रणाम]प्रशस्ततरविमलमौलिमणिर्मन्वादिप्रणिताविधिविधान-  
धर्मा धर्म-  
[<sup>6</sup>] राज इव विनयविहितव्यवस्थापदतिरखिलभुवनमण्डलाभोगैकस्वामिना परमस्वामिना स्वयमुप-  
हितरा-  
[<sup>7</sup>] व्याभिषेक महाविभ्राणनावपूतरज्यश्रीः परममाहेश्वरः महाराजश्रीद्रोणार्संहः सिंह इव तस्यानुजः  
[<sup>8</sup>] स्वभुजनलपराक्रमेण परगजघटानीकानामेकविजयी शरणैषिणां शरणमवबोद्धा शास्त्रार्थतत्त्वानां  
[<sup>9</sup>] कल्पतरुरिव मुह्यन्प्रणयिना यथाभिलषितकामफलभोगदः परमभागवतः महाराजश्रीध्रुवसेनः  
तस्या-  
[<sup>10</sup>] नुजः तच्चरणारविदप्रणतिप्रविधौतावशेषकल्मषः सुविशुद्धस्वचरितोदकप्रक्षालिताशेषकलिक-  
लङ्कः प्र-  
[<sup>11</sup>] सभविर्जितारतिपक्षप्रथितमहिमा परमादित्यभक्तः महाराजश्रीधरपट्टः तस्य सुतः तत्पादसप-  
र्यावास-  
[<sup>12</sup>] पुण्योदयः शैशवावभृति खन्तद्वितीयबाहुरेव समदपरगजघटास्फोटनप्रकाशितसत्त्वानिकषः तत्प्रभाव-  
[<sup>13</sup>] प्रणतारातिचूडारत्नप्रभासंसक्तसह्यदादनखरश्मिसंहतिः सकलस्मृतिप्रणीतमार्गसम्पत्परिपालन-  
प्रजाददप-

<sup>14</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. pp. 134 et seqq.

<sup>15</sup> L. 1. read संपन्न°. L. 2. read पारिवर्जित°; शत्रु°. L. 3. read सुतल°; शिरः; शिरः°. L. 4. read पाद°.

L. 5. read तस्या°; मणीत°. L. 6. read विरि विनय°. L. 7. read राज्यश्रीः. L. 11. read निर्विजितारति°. L. 12. read शत्रु°. L. 13. read संपन्नपाद°.

- [<sup>14</sup>] रजानादन्तर्यराजशब्दोभिरूपकान्तस्यैवधैर्यगाम्भीर्यनुदिसंपद्भिः स्मरशशाकुदिराजोदधितृदश-  
गुरुधनेशानति-  
[<sup>15</sup>] शयानः शरणागताभयप्रदानपरतया तृणवदपास्ताशेषस्तकार्यफलः प्रार्थनाधिकार्यप्रदानानंदि-  
तविदुसु  
[<sup>16</sup>] हृदयः पादचारीव सकलभुवनमण्डलाभोगप्रमोदः परममाहेश्वरः महाराजश्रीगुहसेनस्तस्य-  
मुतस्तत्पादन-  
[<sup>17</sup>] स्वमयूखसंतानविसृतजाह्नवीजलौघप्रक्षालिताशेषकल्मषः प्रणयिज्ञातसहस्योपजीव्यमानभोगसद्रूपलोभा-  
[<sup>18</sup>] विवेचितः सरसमाभिगमिकैर्गुणैः सहजशक्तिशिक्षाविशेषविस्मापिताखिलधनुर्दरः प्रथमनरपति-  
मृष्टानां  
[<sup>19</sup>] अनुपालयिता धर्मदायानामपाकर्ता प्रजोपघातकारिणामुपपन्नानां दर्शयिता श्रीसरस्वत्योरिकाधिवस-  
[<sup>20</sup>] स्य संहतारातिपक्षलक्ष्मीपरिभोगदक्षविक्रमः विक्रमोपसंदातविमलपात्त्रिः परममाहेश्वरः

## Plate II.

- [<sup>1</sup>] महासामन्तमहाराजश्रीधरसेन × कुशली सवुनेव स्वानायुककविनियुक्तकदाङ्गिकवाहत्तरभट्ट-  
[<sup>2</sup>] चारभट्टभुवाधिकरणिकशौलिकचोरोदरणिकबण्डपाशिककायेवरिकविषयपतिराजस्थानीयो  
[<sup>3</sup>] परिकुमारामासहस्यश्वरोहादीनान्पाश्व यथासेवद्वचमानकान्तमनुदर्शयत्यस्तुवस्संविदितं यथा  
[<sup>4</sup>] मया मातापित्रोः पुण्याप्यायनायामनश्चैहिकामुष्मिकययाभिलषितफलवाप्तये आनर्त्तपुरविनि-  
[<sup>5</sup>] र्गोतखेटकनिवातिसाकैराक्षिसगोत्रवृक्षसब्रह्मचारिब्राह्मण - मित्रपुत्रब्राह्मणविष्णुमित्राय खे-  
[<sup>6</sup>] टकाहारविषये बण्डरिजिद्रिपयकान्तर्गत अशिलापल्लिकामामः सोदङ्गः सोपरिकरः  
[<sup>7</sup>] सवातभूतप्रत्याय सधान्यभागभोगहिरण्यदेयः सोत्पद्यमानविष्टिकः सदृशपराधः समस्त-  
[<sup>8</sup>] राजकीयानामहस्तप्रक्षेपणीयः भूमिच्छिद्रन्यायेन बलिचरुवैश्वदेवाभिहोत्रातिथिपंचमहा-  
[<sup>9</sup>] यज्ञिकानां क्रियाणां समुत्सर्पणार्थमाचन्द्रार्कपूर्णवसरिक्षितिस्यितिपर्वतसमकालीनः पुत्रपौत्रान्वय-  
[<sup>10</sup>] भोग्यः उदकातिसर्गोण ब्रह्मदायो निसृष्टः यतो[स्योचि]तया ब्रह्मदेयस्थित्या भुंजतः कृषतः कर्ष-  
[<sup>11</sup>] यतः पदिज्ञतो वा न कैश्चिद्वाघाते वर्तितव्यमागामिभद्रनृपातिभिरस्मद्दक्षजैरन्यैर्वा निद्यान्यैश्चर्याण्य-  
[<sup>12</sup>] स्थिरं मानुष्यं सामान्यं च भूमिदानफलमवगच्छद्विरयमस्मदापोनुमन्तव्यः परिपालयितव्य-  
[<sup>13</sup>] श्व यत्नैर्माच्छिन्नादाच्छिद्यमानं वानुमोदेत स पंचभिर्माहापातकैस्तोपपातकैश्च संयुक्तस्स्यादि-  
त्युक्तं च भगव-  
[<sup>14</sup>] तावेदव्यासेन व्यासेन ॥ षष्टि वर्षसहस्राणि शर्गो मोदति भूमिदः आच्छेत्ता चातुमन्ता च तान्येव नरके  
[<sup>15</sup>] वसेत् बहुभिर्बन्धुधा भुक्ता राजभिस्सगरादिभिः यस्ययस्य यदा भूमिः तस्यतस्य तदा फलं ॥ वि-  
ध्याटवी-  
[<sup>16</sup>] खतोपासु=शुष्ककोटरवासिनः कृष्णाहयो हि जायन्ते ब्रह्मदेयापहारकाः ॥ स्वदत्तां परदत्तां वा  
[<sup>17</sup>] यो हरेत् वसुधरा गवां शतसहस्रस्य हन्तुः प्राप्नोति किन्विधं ॥ पूर्वदत्तां द्विजातिभ्यो यन्नादध  
युधिष्ठिर

" L. 14, रजानां; dele मि before रूप; read 'कान्ति';  
—'विदक्ष'. L. 15, read 'फल'; विद्वन्तु. L. 16, read  
हृण्यविहृदयः; the upper part of the sign after hri is not  
readable, the lower is ru or ri. L. 17, read 'सहस्रो'.  
L. 18, read 'दिवापित';—'माभिगमिकै';—'शक्ति'; 'सम-  
तिष्ठानां'. L. 19, read 'रिकाधिवस'. L. 20, read 'संपात'.

" L. 1 read 'महाराज'; dele 'भट्ट'. L. 2, read 'घाट';—  
दण्ड; L. 3, read 'न्याय'. L. 6, read 'टकाहारवि'.  
बण्डरिजिद्रि is doubtful; possibly it may be बन्धोसिद्धि.  
L. 7, read 'न्याय';—'व्यादेय'. L. 9, read सतिपर्वत-  
विति. L. 12, dele च after सोपपातकैः. L. 14, read स्वर्ग.  
L. 17, read वसुधरा.











[<sup>18</sup>] महीं महिमतां श्रद्ध दानाच्छ्रेयोनुपालनं ॥ यानीह दारिद्र्यमयानरेन्दैः धनानि धर्मायतनीकृतानि<sup>18</sup>

[<sup>19</sup>] निर्माल्यवान्तप्रतिमानि तानि को नाम साधुः पुनराददीतेति=स्वहस्तो मम महाराजप्रीयस्तेनस्य ॥

[<sup>20</sup>] दू=सामन्तशीलादिसः ॥ लिखितं सन्धिविग्रहाधिकरणाधिकृतदिविरपतिस्कन्दभटेन ॥ सं २७०

कामुन व १०—

#### NO. XII.—A GRANT OF DHARASENA IV.

The plates on which this grant is written measure 14·5 inches by 11. The rings and the seal are missing. Otherwise the plates are well preserved. The letters resemble those of the grant published in *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 16, and are very clear and distinct. Very few clerical errors occur, but a considerable portion of the description of *Kharagraha* I. (Pl. I. II. 20-23) is merely a repetition of a passage referring to *Dharasena* II. The error has been caused by the occurrence of the word *दत्तसहस्रो* in both places.

The *vaśīdeva* offers nothing new. The two published grants of the supreme sovereign, great king of kings, supreme lord and emperor *Dharasena* IV. are dated *Saṃvat* 326 and 328.<sup>19</sup> I have seen two damaged plates, one preserved at Walā, and one now in the collection of the Bombay Branch Royal Asiatic Society, which are dated *Saṃvat* 322 and *Saṃvat* 328. The date of our grant, *Saṃvat* 330, is probably not far distant from the end of *Dharasena*'s reign. For an unpublished grant of his successor, *Dhruvasena* III., is dated *Saṃvat* 332. The beginning of *Dharasena*'s reign is less certain, as only one grant of his predecessor, *Dhruvasena* II., dated 310, has been found.

The grantee is a *Rigvedi* *Brāhman* of the *Śārkarakhi gotra*, *Nārāyaṇamitra*, son of *Keśavamitra* (Pl. II. II. 15, 16), a

native of *Ānartapura*, who dwelt in the village of *Kāsara*. It is interesting to note that he receives the epithet *Ānartapura-Chāturvidya*, 'a Chaturvedi of *Ānartapura*,' which apparently shows his *bheda*, or the sub-division of the *Brāhmanical* community to which he belonged. On other plates we have before the word *chāturvidya* the word *tat*, i.e. *tachchāturvidya*.<sup>20</sup> Our grant shows that in every case the *tat* refers to the name of the home of the Chaturvedi.

The object of the grant (Pl. II. I. 17) is the village of *Deśarakshitijja*, situated in the *talukā* of *Siṃhapallijka*, and in the *zillā* of *Khetaka*. The purpose for which it is granted is the usual one. The two officers named are the *dātaka*, the princess *Bhūpā* (Pl. II. I. 25), and the *divān* and chief secretary, *Skandabhata*. The appearance of a female in an official capacity is rather startling. It is explicable only if we assume that she discharged the duties of her office vicariously.

The *Skandabhata* mentioned here is not the same as the minister of *Guhasena* and *Dharasena* II., as I have formerly conjectured.<sup>21</sup> The proof that they are different persons lies partly in the impossibility that one man could hold office during ninety years, from *Saṃvat* 240 to *Saṃvat* 330, and in the fact that *Śīlāditya* I. had *Skandabhata*'s father, *Chandrabhatti*, for his *Divān* in *Saṃvat* 286.<sup>22</sup>

#### TRANSCRIPT.

##### Plate I.

[<sup>1</sup>] ओं स्वस्ति विजयस्कन्धावाराद्धर — — वासकाप्रसभप्रणतामित्राणां मैत्रकाणामनुलबल-

[<sup>2</sup>] [सं]पञ्चमण्डलाभोगसंसक्तप्रहारशतलब्धप्रतापःप्रतापोपनतदानमानार्जवोपार्जितः-

[<sup>3</sup>] नुरागादनुरक्तमौलभूतश्रेणीबलावापराज्यश्रियः परममाहेश्वरश्रीभटार्कादध्यवर्चिनराजव-

[<sup>4</sup>] शान्मातापितृचरणारविन्दप्रणतिप्रविधौताशेषकन्मयः शैशवात्मभृति सङ्गृहीतीयवाहरे समद-

[<sup>5</sup>] परगजघटास्फोटनप्रकाशितसन्ननिकषः तद्वभावप्रणतारातिचूडारात्रभासंसक्तपादनस्वरश्मि-

[<sup>6</sup>] संहतिः सकलस्मृतिप्रणीतमार्गसम्पत्परिपालनप्रज्ञाहृदयरञ्जनान्वत्येराजशब्दो रूपकान्तिस्वैर्य-  
गाम्भीर्य-

<sup>18</sup> L. 18, read महींमतां भेदः; मरे<sup>2</sup>. L. 20, read कामुन.

<sup>19</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. pp. 15, 45.

<sup>20</sup> Compare, e.g., *Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 269, vol. VI. p. 17.

<sup>21</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. p. 178.

<sup>22</sup> *Jour. As. Soc. Ben. Ind.* vol. XI. p. 362.

- [7] बुद्धिसम्पद्भिः स्मरशशाङ्कादिराजोदधिद्विदशगुरुधनेशानतिशयानः शरणागताभयप्रदानपरतया तृणव-<sup>२२</sup>
- [8] दपास्ताशेषस्वकार्यफल प्रार्थनाधिकार्यप्रदानानन्दितविद्वत्सुहृत्प्रणयिहृदयः पादचारीव सकलभुवन-
- [9] मण्डलाभोगप्रमोदः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीगुहसेनस्तस्य सुतस्तत्पादनसमयूखसन्तानविसृतजाद्वी-  
जलौघ-
- [10] प्रक्षालिताशेषकल्मषः प्रणयिज्ञतसहस्रोपजीव्यमानसम्पद्रूपलोभादिवाश्रितः सरभसमाभिगामि[कै]-  
गुणैस्त-
- [11] हजशक्तिशिक्षाविशेषविस्मापिताखिलधनुर्दरः प्रथमनरपतिसमसिसृष्टानामनुपालयिता धर्मदायाना-  
मपाकर्ता
- [12] प्रजोपघातकारिणामुपपन्नानां दर्शयिता श्रीसरस्वत्योरेकाधिवासस्य संहतारातिपक्षलक्ष्मीपरिभोगद-  
[क्ष]विक्र-
- [13] मो विक्रमोपसंप्राप्तविमलपार्थिवश्रीः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधरसेनस्तस्य सुतस्तत्पादानुध्यातः सकल-  
जगदानन्द-
- [14] नाख्यहुतगुणसमुदयस्यगितसमग्रदिङ्मण्डलः समरशतविजयशोभासनायमण्डला[य]श्रुतिभासुरत-  
रान्त-
- [15] पीठो व्यूढगुरुमनोरयमहाभार[ः] सर्वविद्यापरापराविभागाधिगमविमलमातिर[पि] सर्वतस्मभाषितल-
- [16] वेनापि सुखोपपादनीयपरितोषः समग्रलोकागाधगाम्भीर्यहृदयोपि सुचरितातिशयमुव्यक्तपरमक[ल्या]-
- [17] णस्वभावः खिलीभूतकृतयुगनृपतिपयविशोधनाधिगतोदयकीर्तिर्दम्भानुपरोधोज्ज्वलतरीकृतार्थसुखस-  
म्पद-
- [18] पसेवानिरुद्धधर्मादित्याद्वितीयनामा परममाहेश्वरः श्रीशीलादित्यस्तस्यानुजस्तत्पादानुध्यातः  
स्वयमुपे[द्र]-
- [19] गुरुणेव गुरुणात्यादरवता समभिलषणीयामपि राजलक्ष्मीं स्कन्धासक्तां परमभद्र इव धुर्यस्तदाहा-  
सम्पा [द]-
- [20] नैकरसतयेवोद्दहन्सेदमुखरतिभ्यामनायासितसत्त्वसम्पत्तिः प्रभावसम्पद[शी]कृतनृपतिज्ञतसहस्रो-
- [21] पजीव्यमानसम्पद्रूपलोभादिवाश्रितः सरभसमाभिगामिकैर्गुणैस्तहजशक्तिशिक्षाविशेषविस्मापिता-
- [22] खिलधनुर्दरः प्रथमनरपतिसमसिसृष्टानामनुपालयिता धर्मदायानमपाकर्ता प्रजोपघातकारिणामु-
- [23] पपन्नानां दर्शयिता श्रीसरस्वत्योरेकाधिवासस्य संहतारातिपक्षलक्ष्मीपरिभोगदक्षविक्रमो विक्रमो-
- [24] संप्राप्तविमलपार्थिवश्रीः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधरसेनस्तस्य तनयस्तत्पादानुध्यातः सकलविद्याधिगम-
- [25] विहितनिखिलविद्वज्जनमनःपरितोषातिशयः सत्वसम्पदा व्यागौदाप्येण च वि[ग]तानुसन्धानज्ञ-  
माहिताराति-
- [26] पक्षमनोरथाश्रयः सम्पगुपलक्षितानेकशास्त्रकलालोकचरितम[द्]रविभागोपि परमभ-
- [27] द्रप्रकृतिरकृत्रिमप्रश्रयविनयशोभाविभूषणः समरशतजयपताकाहरण-

## Plate II.

- [1] प्रत्यलोदयबाहुदण्डविध्वन्सितनिखिलप्रतिपक्षदर्योदयः स्वधनुषभावपरिभूतास्तकौ-<sup>२३</sup>
- [2] शालाभिमानसकलनृपतिमण्डलाभिनन्दितशासनः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधरसेनस्तस्यानुजः
- [3] तत्पादानुध्यातः सचरितातिशयितसकलपूर्वजनरपतिरतिदुस्ताधानामपप्रसाधयिता विषयाणां मू-
- [4] र्तिमानिव पुरुषकारः परिवृद्धगुणानुरागनिर्भराचित्तवृत्तिभिर्मनुरिव स्वयमभ्युपपन्नः प्रकृति-

<sup>22</sup> L. 8, read 'कै'. L. 14, read 'रि'. L. 20, the passage from सहस्रोपजीव्यमान down to पार्थिवश्रीः (line 23) has been repeated by a clerical mistake, while the correct

description of Kharagraha has been left out. L. 24, read समाहित.

<sup>23</sup> L. 1, read 'विध्वंसित'. L. 2, read 'मपि';—विषयाणां.





[illegible]



- [<sup>5</sup>] भिरधिगतकलाकलापः कान्तिमान्निर्वृतिहेतुरकलङ्कः × कुमुदनायः प्राज्यप्रतापास्थगितदिगन्तरालप्रधु-<sup>82</sup>
- [<sup>6</sup>] न्तिध्वान्तराशिस्ततोदितसविता प्रकृतिभ्यः परं प्रत्ययमन्यवन्तमतिबहुतिप्रयोजनानुपन्यभागम-
- [<sup>7</sup>] परिपूर्णं विदधानः सन्धिविग्रहसमासनिश्चयनिपुणः स्यानेनुरूपमादेशं ददद्गुणवृद्धिविधानजनि-  
तसंस्का-
- [<sup>8</sup>] रस्ताधूनां राज्यसालातुरीयतन्त्रयोरुभयोरपि निष्णातः प्रकृष्टविक्रमोपि करुणामृदुहृदयः श्रुतवानप्य-
- [<sup>9</sup>] गर्हितः कान्तोपि प्रशमी स्थिरसौहृदयोपि निरसिता दोषवतामुदयसमपसमुपजनितजनतानुरा-  
गपरि-
- [<sup>10</sup>] पिहितभुवनसमर्थितप्रथितवालादित्यद्वितीयनामा परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधुवसेनस्तस्य सुतस्त-  
त्यादकुम्-
- [<sup>11</sup>] लप्रणा [मध] रणिकषणजनितकिणलाञ्छधनललाटचन्द्रशकलः शिशुभाव [एव] श्रवणनिहितमौक्ति-  
कालङ्कार-
- [<sup>12</sup>] विधमामलश्रुतविशेषः प्रदानसलिलक्षालिताग्रहस्तारविन्दः कन्याया इव मृदुकरग्रहणादमन्दीकृतानन्द-
- [<sup>13</sup>] विधिर्वसुन्धरायाः कार्मुकधनुर्वेद इव सम्भावितशेषलक्ष्यकलापः प्रणतसामन्तमण्डलोत्तमाङ्ग-  
धृतचूडा-
- [<sup>14</sup>] [र] त्रायमानशासनः परममाहेश्वरः परमभट्टारकमहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वरचक्रवर्त्तिश्री-  
धरसेन × कुशली
- [<sup>15</sup>] सर्वानेव समावापयत्यस्तु वस्तंविदितं यथा मया मातापित्रोः पुण्याप्यायनायानर्त्तपुरविनिर्गत कासर-  
याम-
- [<sup>16</sup>] निवास्थाननर्त्तपुरचातुर्विंशसामान्यशार्ङ्गराक्षसगोत्रवृक्षसन्नद्धचारिब्राह्मणकेशवमित्रपुत्राग्रणना-  
रायणा-
- [<sup>17</sup>] मित्राय खेटकाहारे सिंहपल्लिकापथके देसुरक्षितिज्जग्रामः सोदृङ्गः सौपरिककः सभूतवातप्र-  
त्यायः सधान्य-
- [<sup>18</sup>] हिरण्यादेयः सदशापराधः सोत्पद्यमानविष्टिकः सर्वराजकीयानामहस्तप्रक्षेपणीयः पूर्वप्रसन्नदेव-
- [<sup>19</sup>] ब्रह्मदेयब्राह्मणविघ्नातिरहि[त]ः भूमिच्छिन्नधन्यायेनाचन्द्रार्काकर्णवक्षितिसरित्पर्वतसमकालीनः पुत्रपौत्रा-
- [<sup>20</sup>] न्वयभोग्यः उदकातिसर्गेण धर्मद्रायो निसृष्टः यतोऽस्योचितया ब्रह्मदेयाग्रहारास्थित्या भुञ्जतः कृ-  
पतः कर्षयतः
- [<sup>21</sup>] प्रदिशतो वा न कैश्चिद्दशासेधे वर्त्तितव्यमागामिभद्रनृपतिभिरप्यस्मद्वैशजैरन्यैर्जा अनिमान्यैश्चर्याण्य-  
स्त्वरं भा-
- [<sup>22</sup>] नुष्यं सामान्यञ्च भूमिदानफलमवगच्छद्विरयमस्मदायोनुमन्तव्यः परिपालयितव्यश्चेत्युक्तञ्च-
- [<sup>23</sup>] बद्धभिर्द्विसुधा भुक्ता राजभिस्सगरादिभिः यस्यस्य यदा भूमिस्तस्यतस्य तदा फल ॥ यानीह दारि-  
द्र्यभया-
- [<sup>24</sup>] श्रेद्दैर्जनानि धर्मायतनीकृतानि निर्भुक्तमान्यप्रतिमानितानि को नाम साधुः पुनराददीत ॥ षष्ठिवर्ष-
- [<sup>25</sup>] सहस्राणि स्वर्गे तिष्ठति भूमिदः आच्छेना चानुमन्ता च तान्येव नरके वेत्तु द्रुतकोऽयं राजद्रुहेत्-  
भूया ॥ लिखितमि-
- [<sup>26</sup>] दं सन्धिविग्रहाधिकृतदिविरपतिचन्द्रभट्टिपुत्रदिविरपतिश्रीस्कन्दभटेनेति । सं ३३० मार्गशिर शु ३  
स्वहस्तो मम =॥

<sup>82</sup> L. 5, read 'पतापस्थगित'. ... 6, read 'पञ्चसित';—'नुमन्त'. L. 16, read 'शार्ङ्गराक्षि'; 'नारायण'. L. 19 read 'चिह्न'.  
L. 23, read 'फल'.

## No. XIII.—THE GRANT OF KHARAGRAHA II.

The size of the plates is 15 to 15.5 inches by 12. Both are broader at the end where the rings were fixed than at the other. The rings and the seal are missing. The plates are, on the whole, well preserved, a few spots only being defaced by verdigris. The letters resemble those of the published plates of Śīlāditya II. and Śīlāditya III. With the exception of the last lines of plate II., they are clearly incised and distinct. Clerical errors are numerous. The grant is dated from 'a camp of victory' situated at Pūliṇḍaka, or perhaps Āliṇḍaka.

The *śāśānī* offers nothing new. But the grant is important, as it is the first document issued by Kharagraha II. which has been found. Its date, Śaṃvat 337, if taken together with that of the preceding grant of Dharmasena IV., Śaṃvat 330, and with those of Dhruvasena III., Śaṃvat 332, and of Śīlāditya II., Śaṃvat 348, shows that the reigns of the two sons of Derabhata were of short duration.

The grantee is (Pl. II. ll. 14-15) a Rīgvedī Brāhmaṇ of the *Sārkarākehi gotra*,—Nārāyaṇa, son of Keśava, a native of Ānandapura, who settled in Khetaka. He is also called *Ānandapura cāturvidya*, 'a Chaturvedi of Ānandapura.'<sup>22</sup> This is of some interest, because, if this Ānandapura is the same as Vaṇnagar (*vulgo* Barnagar), we have here

the first notice of the famous Nāgara Brāhmaṇs, the most distinguished and influential caste which Gujarāt contains.

The object granted is (Pl. II. ll. 15-16) the village of Pangulapallikā, situated in the district (*dhāma*) called Ghṛitālaya, and in the zillā of Śivabhāgapura.

The purpose for which the village is given is the usual one, viz. the performance of sacrifices.

The officials named in the grant are the *dātaka*, Pramātri-Śrīnā, and the Divān, Śrīmad-Anahila, the son of Divān Skandabhata. The former appears to be a female, like the *rājadhūtri-dhūpā* of Dharmasena's grant. But I do not know what to make of the epithet *pramātri*, which seems to be composed of *pra* + *mātri*, 'mother,' and not to be derived from *pramā*, 'to judge rightly.' Professor Bhāṇḍārkar (*Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. X. p. 71) gives the name of the Divān, which occurs again on the plates of Śīlāditya II. (Śaṃvat 348), as Madanahala. That would be a highly indecent name. In favour of my reading, Śrīmad-Anahila, 'the illustrious Anahila' (instead of Śrī Madanahila), it may be urged that Anahila, or Apahilla, is known to have been a Gujarātī name borne by the shepherd who showed Vanarāja the site of Aphalvāḍa-Pāṭhaṇ, and that it occurs among the Rajputs: see, e.g., Tod, *Annals*, vol. I. p. 708; Mad. ed. p. 607.

## TRANSCRIPT.

## Plate I.

- [<sup>1</sup>] ओं स्वस्ति विजयस्कन्धावारात् पूलेण्डकासकात्मसभप्रणतामित्राणां मैत्रकाणामनुलबलसंपन्नम्  
म[ण्डलाभोगसंसक्तप्रहारशत]लब्धप्रता-  
[<sup>2</sup>] पात्र्यतापोपनतदानमानार्जवोपास्जितानुरागादनुरक्तमौलभृतश्रेणीबलावासरान्यश्रिय परममाहेश्व-  
रश्रीमंटाकार्दव्यवच्छिन्नराजवंश [त]-  
[<sup>3</sup>] मातापितृचरणारविन्दप्रणतिप्रविधौताशेषकल्मषः शैशवात्प्रभृति खड्गद्वितीयबाहुरेव समदपरगजघटा-  
स्फोटनप्रकाशितशतनिकषस्तत्र-  
[<sup>4</sup>] भावप्रणतारातिचूडारत्नप्रभासंसक्तपादनसरश्मिसंहति सकलस्मृतिप्रणीतमार्गसम्पक्परिपालनप्रजा-  
हृद[परञ्जना] न्वर्त्यराजशब्दो रूपकान्तिस्यैर्व्यगाम्भी-  
[<sup>5</sup>] र्यनुदिसंपदि स्मर [शशाङ्काद्रिरा]जोदधितृदद्यगुरुपनेशानतिशयानः शरणागतभयप्रदानपरतया  
तृणवदपास्ताशेष [स] कार्यफल प्रार्थनाधिकार्यप्रदा[ना]-

<sup>22</sup> Compare also above, p. 73, note 20.

<sup>23</sup> L. 1, for पूलेण्डक may be read बलेण्डक. L. 2, read

श्रियः. L. 3, read 'सन्वनिकषस्त'. L. 4, read संहतिः. L. 5, read संपदिः;—'विदद्य'—'कलः'.



The image shows a fragment of a palm-leaf manuscript. The text is written in a script that is characteristic of the Tamil language, which is an ancient South Asian script. The characters are small and closely spaced, forming several horizontal lines across the length of the leaf. The leaf itself is dark, possibly due to age or the way it was preserved, and there are some lighter, irregular patches on its surface. The edges of the fragment are slightly irregular, showing the texture of the leaf material. The overall appearance is that of an ancient, weathered document.





- [<sup>6</sup>] नन्दितविद्वत्सुहृदयणविहृदयः [पादचारीव] सकलभुवनमण्डलभोगप्रमोद परममाहेश्वरः श्रीगुहः<sup>२०</sup>  
 सेनस्तस्य सुतस्तत्पादनस्तमयूखसन्तानविमृतजाह्नवीज-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] लौघप्रक्षालिताशेषकल्मषः प्रणयि शतसहस्रोपजीव्यमानभपद्रूपलोभादिवाञ्छित सरभसमाभिगामिकै-  
 र्गुणैः सहजशक्तिशिक्षाविशेषविस्मापि-  
 [<sup>8</sup>] ताखिलभनुर्देर प्रथमनरपतिसमतिष्ठष्टानामनुपालयिता धर्मदायानामपाकर्ता प्रजोपघातकारिण-  
 मुपद्रवानां [दर्शयिता] श्रीसरस्वत्यैरेकाधिवासस्य स-  
 [<sup>9</sup>] [ह] तारातिपक्षलक्ष्मीपरिभोगदक्षविक्रमो विक्रमोपसंप्राप्तविमलप्राप्यिव श्री परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधरसेन-  
 स्तस्या सुतस्तत्पादानुद्ध्यात सकलजगदानन्दना-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] सद्भुतगुणसमुदयस्य गितसमग्रदिक्कुण्डलः समरशतविजय] शोभासनायमण्डलाग्रद्युतिभासुरतरासपीठो  
 बृद्धगुरुमनोरयमहाभारः सर्वविद्यापराप-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] रविभागाधिगाविमलमतिरापि सर्वत मुभाधितलवेनपि सुखोपपादनीयपारतोष समग्रलोकागाधगाम्भी-  
 र्यहृदयोपि सुचरितातिशयसुव्यक्तपरम-  
 [<sup>12</sup>] कन्याणस्वभाव खिलीभूतकृतकयुनृपतिपथविशोधनाधिगतोदयकीर्तिर्द्वर्मानुपरोधोज्वलतरीकृतार्थ-  
 सुखरपदपसेवानिरुद्धधर्मादित्यादिसीयनामा परममाहेश्व-  
 [<sup>13</sup>] रः श्रीशीलादित्य तस्यानुजस्तत्पादानुद्ध्यातः स्वयमुपेन्द्रगुरुणैव गुरुणा आदरवता समभि] लषणी-  
 यामपि राजलक्ष्मीं स्कन्धासक्तौ परमभद्र इव धुर्व्यस्तदाज्ञासंपा-  
 [<sup>14</sup>] दनैकरसतयेवोद्बुद्ध सेदसुखरतिभ्यामनायासितसत्त्वसंपत्ति प्रभावसंपदशी[कृ]तनृपतिशतशिरोरत्नच्छा-  
 योपगूढपादपीठोपि परावशाभिमानरसानालिङ्गितमनो-  
 [<sup>15</sup>] वृत्ति प्रणतिमेकां परित्यज्य प्रख्यातपौरुषाभिमानैरप्यरातिभिरनासादितप्रतिक्रियोपाय कृतनिखिलभु-  
 वनामोदगुणसंहति प्रसभविघटितसकलकलि[विलसित]गतिर्विच-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] जनाभिरोहिभिर्शेषैर्दोषैरनामृष्टात्युन्नतहृदयः प्रख्यातपौरुषास्त्रकौशलातिशयगणतिथविपक्षक्षि-  
 तिपतिलक्ष्मीस्वयं ग्राहप्रकाशितप्रवीरपुरुषप्रथमसंस्थाधिगम पर-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] ममाहेश्वरः श्रीखरप्रहस्तस्य तनयस्तत्पादानुद्ध्यातः[ः] सकलविद्याधिगमविहीतनिखिलविद्वज्जनमन  
 [ः]परितोषातिशयः[ः] सत्त्वसंपदा व्याघौदार्येण च विगतानुसन्धानाशमाहितारातिपक्षम-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] नोरयासभङ्गः सम्पगुणलक्षितानेकशास्त्रकला लोकचरितगद्गुरविभागोपि परमभद्रप्रकृतिरकृतिमप्रश्रय-  
 विनयशोभाविभूषणः समरशतजयपताकाहरणप्रत्य-  
 [<sup>19</sup>] लोदयबाहुदण्डविभ्रन्तितनिखिलप्रतिपक्षदोषोदयः स्वधनुः प्रभावपरिभूतास्त्रकौशलाभिमानसकलनृप-  
 तिमण्डलाभिनन्दितशासन परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधरसेनः  
 [<sup>20</sup>] तस्यानुजस्तत्पादानुद्ध्यात सचरितातिशयितसकलपूर्णरपतिरतिदुस्साधानामपि प्रसाधयिता विषयाणां  
 मूर्तिमानिव पुरुषकार परिवृद्धगुणानु-  
 [<sup>21</sup>] रागानिर्धरचिन्तवृत्तिभिर्मनुरिव स्वयमभ्युपपन्नः प्रकृतिभिरधिगतकलाकलापः कान्तिमाभिव्यूतिहेतुर-  
 कलङ्कः कुमुदनाथः प्राज्यप्रतापैर्यगितदिगन्त-  
 [<sup>22</sup>] रालप्रभ्रन्तितध्वान्तराशिस्ततोदितस्तविता प्रकृतिभ्य परं प्रत्ययमन्त्यन्तमतिबहुतिथप्रयोजनानुबन्ध-  
 भागम [परिपूर्ण] विदधानः सान्धिविग्रह-

<sup>२०</sup> L. 6, read 'प्रमोदः'. L. 7, read 'संपदः', 'गुणैः'. L. 8, read 'संहतिः'. L. 9, read 'पान्थिवधीः'; 'स्तस्य'; 'भ्यातः'. L. 10, read 'रसिपीठोन्मुट'. L. 11, read 'विभागाधिगमवि'. सर्वतः; 'तोषः'. L. 12, read 'भाषः'; 'कृतयुग'; 'धोक्ज्वल'; 'सुखसंपद'. L. 13, read 'शीलादित्यः'. L. 14, 'इहन्' संपत्तिः.

L. 15, 'वृत्तिः'; 'सायः'; 'संहतिः'. L. 19, read 'विजयित'; 'शासनः'. L. 20, read 'ध्यानः'; 'सकलपूर्ववरः'; 'कारः'. L. 21, read 'कृतिभिर्न'. L. 22, read 'प्राज्यप्रतापैः'; 'प्रकृतिभ्यः' after विदधानः half a line has been left out.

- [<sup>95</sup>] समासनिश्चयनिपुणः स्यानेनुरूपमादेशं ददद्गुणवृद्धिविधानजनितसंस्कारस्ताभूनां राज्यशालातु-  
रीयतन्त्रयोरुभयोर्निष्णातः प्रकृष्टविक्रमो]
- [<sup>96</sup>] [पि] करुणामृदुहृदयः श्रुतवानप्यगर्वित कान्तोपि प्रशमी स्थिरसौहृदयोपि निरसिता दोषवता-  
मुदयसमयसदुपजनितजनतानुराग-
- [<sup>97</sup>] परिपिहितभुवनसमार्थितप्रयितशालादित्यद्वितीय[नामा] परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधुवसेनस्तस्य मुतः  
तत्पादकमल [प्रणा]मध-
- [<sup>98</sup>] रणिकषणजनितकिणलाञ्छनललाटचन्द्रश[कलः] शिशु[भाव ए]व श्रवणनिहित[मौक्तिका]लङ्कारवि-  
भ्रमामलश्रुतविशेषप्रदान[स]लि-
- [<sup>99</sup>] ल[क्षा]लिताग्रहस्ताराविन्द कन्याया इव मृदुकरग्रहणा[दमन्दी]कृतानन्दवि[धि]र्वसु[न्धराया]का[र्म्म]के  
धनुर्वेद इव संशोधिताशेषलक्ष्य-
- [<sup>100</sup>] [कला]पः प्रणतसामन्तमण्डलो[त्तमाङ्ग]धृतचूडारत्नायमानशासनः परममाहेश्वरपरमभट्टारकम-  
हाराजाधिराज[परमेश्वर]

## Plate II.

- [<sup>1</sup>] चक्रवर्त्तिश्रीधरसेनस्तत्पितामहभ्रातृश्रीशोलादित्यस्य शाङ्गपाणेरिवाङ्गज[न्मनो भ]क्तिबन्धुरावय-  
वकल्पितप्रणतेरतिधवलया दूरं तत्पादा-
- [<sup>2</sup>] रविन्दप्रवृत्तया नखमणिरुचा मन्दाकिन्येव नित्यममलितोत्तमाङ्गदेशस्यागस्त्यस्येव राजवैहोक्षिण्यमा-  
तन्वानस्य प्रब[ल]
- [<sup>3</sup>] धवललिप्ता यशसां बलयेन मण्डितककुभा नभसि यामिनिपतेर्विनिम्मताखण्डपरिवेषमण्डलस्य पयो-  
दश्याम[शि]-
- [<sup>4</sup>] खरचूचुरुचिरसह्यविन्ध्यस्तनयुगायाः क्षितेः पत्युः श्रीदेरभटस्याङ्गजः क्षितिपसंहतेरनुरागि-  
ण्याः गुचियशोशु-
- [<sup>5</sup>] कभृतः स्वयंवरमालामिव राज्यश्रियमर्पयन्त्याः कृतपरिग्रहः शौर्यमप्रतिहतिव्यापारमानमितप्रचण्ड-  
रिपुमण्डलं मण्डलाग्रमि-
- [<sup>6</sup>] बाबलम्भमानः शरादि प्रसभमाकृष्ट[शि]लीमुखबाणासनापादितप्रसाधनानां परभुरो विधिवदाचरितकर-  
ग्रहणः पूर्वमेव विवि-
- [<sup>7</sup>] धवण्णोज्वलेन श्रुतातिशयेनोद्भासितश्रवणः पुनः पुनरुक्तेनेव रत्नालङ्कारेणालङ्कृतश्रोत्रः परस्फुरत्कट-  
कविकटकीटपक्षरत्नकिर-
- [<sup>8</sup>] णविच्छिन्नप्रदानसलिलनिवहावसेकविलसन्धव शैवचैङ्करमिवाद्यपाणिमुद्गहनधृतविशालरत्नवलपजलधि-  
बेलातटायमानधु-
- [<sup>9</sup>] जपरिषक्तविश्वम्भरः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधुवसेनः तस्याग्रजोपरमहीपतिस्पर्शदोषतगणधियेव लक्ष्म्या  
स्वयमतिस्पष्टचेष्टमाक्षि-
- [<sup>10</sup>] छाङ्गयष्टिमतिरुचिरतरचरितगरिमपरिकलितसकलनरपतिरतिप्रकृष्टानुरागरसरभसवशीकृतप्रणतसा-  
मन्तसामन्तचक्रचूडा-

<sup>95</sup> L. 24, read 'गर्वितः'; समुपजनित°. L. 26, read 'विशेषः'.  
L. 28, read 'रविन्दः'.

<sup>96</sup> L. 3, read 'यामिनीपतेर्विनिर्मिता'; the vowel-signs are  
very indistinct. L. 4, read 'युधि'. L. 5, 'प्रतिहत', read

'भुवां'. L. 7, read 'ज्वलेन'; परस्फुर°. L. 8, read 'सज्जिव  
शैवलाङ्कारः';—'दहनः'. L. 9, read 'नाशनधियेव'. L. 10,  
read 'यष्टि'.



*[The image shows a heavily damaged, dark manuscript page with significant portions missing or obscured by large white circular marks. The visible text is written in a cursive script, likely Indic, and appears to be bleed-through from the reverse side. Due to the damage, the specific words are largely illegible.]*





- [<sup>11</sup>] मणिमयसूत्रचितचरणकमलयुगलः प्रोदामोपारदोर्दण्डदलितद्विषद्वर्गदण्डः प्रसर्प्यत्पटीयः प्रतापश्रे-  
विताशेषशत्रुम-
- [<sup>12</sup>] शः प्रणयिपप्रनिक्षितलक्ष्मीकः प्रेरितगदोक्षितसुदर्शनचक्रः परिहृतनालक्रीडोनधः कृतद्विजातिरेकवि-  
क्रमप्रसाधितधनिम्बः
- [<sup>13</sup>] तलोन्नीकृतजलशय्योपूर्वपुरुषोत्तमः साक्षाद्वर्म्म इव सम्यगुपस्थापितवर्णाश्रमचारः परममाहेश्वर-  
श्रीखरग्रह × कुशली
- [<sup>14</sup>] सर्वानेव समाज्ञापयत्यस्तु वस्तुविदितं यथा मया मातापित्रोः पुण्याप्यापनायानन्दपुरविनिर्गतसेट-  
कवास्तव्यनन्दपुरचानुर्विद्यसा-
- [<sup>15</sup>] मान्यशर्कराक्षिसगोत्रवहूचसत्रग्रचारिब्राह्मणकेशवपुत्रब्राह्मणनारायणाय शिवभागपुरविषये  
धृतालयभूमौ पङ्कजपत्ति-
- [<sup>16</sup>] कायामः सोदृङ्गः सोपरिकरः सभूतवातप्रसायः सधान्यहिरण्यादेयः सदशापराधः सोत्पद्यमानविष्टिकः  
सर्वराजकीयानामहस्त-
- [<sup>17</sup>] प्रक्षेपणीयः पूर्वप्रत्तदेवब्रह्मदेयब्राह्मणविंशतिरहित भूमिच्छिद्रन्यायेनाचन्द्राकर्णविक्षितिसरिपर्वत-  
समकाली[नः] पुत्रपौत्रान्वयभोग्य उदकातिसर्गो-
- [<sup>18</sup>] ण धर्मदायो निरुष्टः यतोस्यो चितया ब्रह्मदेयस्थित्या भुञ्जतः कृषतः कर्षयतः प्रदिशतो वा न  
कैश्चिद्वासेषे वर्तितव्यमागामिभद्रनुपतिभिर-
- [<sup>19</sup>] व्यस्मद्देशजैरन्यैर्वा अनित्यान्यैश्चर्याण्यस्यिरं मानुष्यं सामान्यञ्च भूमिदानफलमवगच्छदिरयमस्म-  
दायोनुमन्तव्यः परिपालयितव्यश्चेत्यु-
- [<sup>20</sup>] कं च॥ बहुभिर्बहुधा भुक्ता राजभिस्सगरादिभिः यस्यस्य यदा भूमिस्तस्यतस्य तदा कलं ॥ यानीह  
दारिद्र्यभयान्नेर्दैनानि धर्मायतनीकृतानि
- [<sup>21</sup>] निर्बुक्तमान्यप्रतिमानि तानि को नाम साधु पुनराददीत षष्ठिं वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गो तिष्ठति भूमिद-  
आच्छेत्ता चानुमन्ता च तान्येव नरके वसेत् ॥ दूतकोच प्रमातृश्रीना ॥
- [<sup>22</sup>] लिखितमिदं सन्धिबिम्बहाधिकृतदिविरपतिश्रीस्कन्दभटपुत्रदिविरपतिश्रीमदनहिलेनेति सं ३३७  
आषाढ व ५ स्वहस्तो मम ॥

No. XIV.—GRANT OF ŚĪLĀDITYA VI., SURNAMED  
DHĪRUVABHĀṬA.

The plates are exceedingly massive, and measure each 15 inches by 13·5. The rings and the seal which connected them are missing. The plates are not very well preserved. When I received them, they were covered with caked mud and verdigris, and not a single letter was readable. The cleaning cost, therefore, a great amount of labour and trouble. But, notwithstanding this, a great part of the first plate and the upper portion of the second plate have remained, as a whole, illegible; single letters and words are recognisable, but the context could not be made out without the help of the publish-

ed grants. Fortunately the most important part of the inscription, the lower half of the second plate, is in a better condition, and can be read with tolerable certainty.

The letters on these plates closely resemble those of the grant of Śīlāditya V. published in *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 16. But they are larger and incised with more care than those of the Luvāvāḍī plates. They deserve a careful study on the part of those who are interested in the history of the Indian alphabets.

The text of the grant is not so full of clerical errors as that of the fifth Śīlāditya. Still a considerable number of mistakes occur, and several lines have been left out. These lacunae corre-

<sup>21</sup> L. 11, read प्रोदामोदरः; शत्रुवः. L. 12, read प्रणयिपत्रः;—प्रसाधितधनिम्बः. L. 13, read भाचारः. L. 14,

read वास्तव्यानन्दः; शाकंराक्षि. L. 17, read उहितो. L. 19, read गच्छति. L. 21, read को नामसाधुः. L. 22, read मिद-

spoud exactly with those on the *Lanāvaḍā* plates, and this agreement, as well as the recurrence of a number of phrases and corruptions,<sup>22</sup> prove that both plates were copied from the same MSS. For our grant cannot be copied immediately from the earlier one, because it shows fewer mistakes.

The grant is dated from a camp of victory located at *Ānandapura*. The donor, *Śīlāditya VI.*, is the 19th king of the dynasty of *Bhatārka* who has become known. Contrary to the usage prevailing in other *Valabhi* grants, the description of this new ruler is given in poetry. It consists of four verses in the *Vasantatilaka* metre, which are preceded by the word *paramamāheśvaraḥ*, and followed by the usual titles and the name. The former word is, I think, merely due to a mistake of the *Kansār*, who, in his impatience to have done, first skipped the whole description, and afterwards neglected to indicate that the word written by mistake is superfluous.

The translation of the passage referring to *Śīlāditya VI.* (PL II. ll. 19-24) is as follows:—

"His (the fifth *Śīlāditya*'s) son is the ardent devotee of *Maheśvara*, the supreme sovereign, the great king of kings and supreme lord, the illustrious *Śīlādityadeva*, who meditates on the feet of the supreme sovereign, the great king of kings and supreme lord, the illustrious *Bappa*. He is famous on account of his irresistible valour, he is the abode of Fortune; he strives to annihilate hell. He makes it his only purpose to save the earth; his fame shines pure as the full moon. He is made up of the qualities of the famous triad (of powers),<sup>23</sup> he has conquered his enemies. He gives enjoyment to the poor, he always gives happiness. He is the abode of knowledge. All the guardians of the world praise him, the *Vidyādhara*s serve him. He is famous on earth. He is resplendent with jewels, beautiful in person, a conglomerate of jewel-like qualities. He is endowed with lordliness, valour, and (other great) virtues; he is always engaged in conferring benefits on living beings. A real *Janārdana*, as it were, he humbles (*urdayati*) the pride of the wicked. He is exceedingly skilful in shaking again and again in battle troops of

elephants. He is the abode of spiritual merit, all over the world his great prowess is celebrated in songs. The illustrious *Dhrūbhata* conquers, he who is born in the line of the kings of kings and supreme lords, he who is supremely happy."

There is only one statement in this long rignarole which is of great importance, viz. that *Śīlāditya VI.* was also called *Dhrūbhata*. This word stands apparently for *Dhrubhata*—literally 'the constant warrior.' The first part of the compound has been contracted, because the paṇḍit wanted a long syllable for his metre,<sup>24</sup> and because *Dhrū* was, no doubt, at the time of the composition of this poetry, just as now, the vernacular *Gujarātī* for *Dhruba*. Now this name *Dhrubhata* resembles the form *T'u-lu-p'o-po-tu*, which *Hiwen Thsang*<sup>25</sup> gives as the name of the ruler of *Valabhi* whom he visited, more than any other royal name which has become known. As the transcription of Sanskrit *Abhidharma* by Chinese *Opī-ta-mo*, of *bhadra* by *Po-ta-lo*, and similar instances show, *T'u-lu-p'o-po-tu* may stand just as well for *Dhrubhata* as for *Dhrubapata*, the rendering which *M. St.-Julien* has adopted. Against this it may be urged that the Chinese translation of the word 'Ch'ang-jui,' 'constantly intelligent,' does not suit the compound *Dhrubhata*. But this translation may have been caused by a mistake of *Hiwen Thsang*'s, who may either have mixed up the two words *bhata*, 'a warrior,' and *bhatta*, 'a paṇḍit,' or have been told the name incorrectly. For the frequent mistakes on the plates by which *Bhatārka* is changed to *Bhattārka*, and *Derabhata* to *Derabhata*, show that the *Valabhi*ans themselves were not very accurate in this respect. If the identity of *Hiwen Thsang*'s contemporary and of *Śīlāditya VI.* could be proved for certain, we should be able to fix, at least approximately, the initial date of the era in which the plates are dated. As our grant is dated 447, and *Hiwen Thsang*'s visit fell in the fifth decade of the seventh century A.D., the year 1 of the era of the plates must fall either shortly before or shortly after the year 200 A.D.

<sup>22</sup> Compare, e.g., समावसित ब्रह्मकुलवारत्न PL. I. l. 1.

<sup>23</sup> Compare *Kāśikā*, sūti, XV. 32.

<sup>24</sup> There is a fine precept which authorizes the distortion of words in order to avoid an offence against the

metre, and which deserves to become known. It is as follows:—*māhamapī māham kṛpād vṛttibhāṅgaḥ na ādayet.*

<sup>25</sup> *Mémoires*, II. 163.



I am at present inclined to believe that this view is the correct one. But, as the question is by no means simple, and as a number of other points have also to be considered, I do not wish to do more, for the present, than to point out that the occurrence of the name Dhṛubhaṭa or Dhruvabhata on our grant requires the consideration of those who wish to settle the beginning of the era of the plates.

The date, Sainvat 447, Jyeshtha, śuddha 5, or fifth day of the bright half of Jyeshtha, 447, is given both in words and in ciphers, and is therefore indisputable. It settles definitively the question regarding the value of the Valabhi sign ॥, and proves the correctness of Paṇḍit Bhagvānlāl's and General Cunningham's explanation, who maintained that it stands for 'forty.' This date corroborates also my reading of the figures on the Luṇāvāḍā plates issued by Śīlāditya V. as Sainvat 441.

The grantee is (Pl. II. ll. 25-26) Bhaṭṭa Ākhaṇḍalamitra, son of Bhaṭṭa Viśhva, a R̥igvedī of the Śārkarākshī gotra, a native of 'famous Ānandapura, and a Chaturvedī of that town.'

The object granted is (Pl. II. ll. 26-27) the

village of Mahilābali, situated in the tālukā (pathaka) of Uppaiaheṭa (Upletā?) and in the zillā (chāra) of Śrī Kheṭaka. The purpose for which the grant was made is the usual one.

The passage regarding the officials (Pl. II. ll. 36-37) is, unfortunately, not quite in order.

I think those mentioned are—

1. The *dūtaka*: the grand chamberlain (*mahā-pratihāra*) the illustrious Deṭaha.

2. The *akṣhapāṭika*, or keeper of the records. Daftardār: *Rājakula*, the illustrious Siddhanta, son of the illustrious Śarvata.

3. The writer: Amātya, i. e. councillor Gubha, son of Hembhata.

The name of the 'grand chamberlain' is a curious one, and I do not consider the reading to be certain.

The word *akṣhapāṭika* does not occur on any of the known Valabhi grants, but it is common on those of the Chaulukyas of Anhilvād.<sup>22</sup> The word *Rājakula*, which is placed before the name of the Daftardār, is a title which likewise occurs on the Chaulukya plates.<sup>23</sup> It is probably the Sanskrit form of the modern *Rāul* or *Rāval*.

TRANSCRIPT.

Plate I.

- [<sup>1</sup>] ओं स्वस्ति श्रीमदानन्दपुरसभावासितजयस्कन्धावारात्र्यसमप्रणता[मित्राणां मैत्रकाणामनु]लबलसं-  
पन्नमण्डला[भोगसंप्रहारशत]लब्धप्र[तापा]-  
[<sup>2</sup>] त्पतापोपनतदानमानाग्नेवोपाजितानुरागादनुरक्तमौलभृतश्रेणीबलावाप्त राग्यश्रियः परममाहेश्वर-  
श्रीमाटाकादव्यवच्छिन्नवंशान्मा-  
[<sup>3</sup>] तापितृचरणारविन्दप्रणतिप्रविविक्ताशेषकल्मषः कौशवात्मभू[ति ख]द्वितीयबाहुरिव समदपरगजघ-  
टास्फोटन[प्रकाशितसल]निकषः तत्प्र-  
[<sup>4</sup>] भावप्रणतारातिचूडारनप्रभाससक्तपादनखरश्मिसंहतिः सकलस्मृतिप्रणतिमार्गा[सम्पत्ति]वापालनप्रजा-  
हृदपरंजना[निर्यराजश]ब्दो रूपका-<sup>24</sup>  
[<sup>5</sup>] न्तिस्वैर्यगाम्भीर्यबुद्धिसंपद्धिः स्मरशशाङ्कादिराजोदधितुदशगुरुधनेशानतिशयानः शरणागताभय-  
प्रदानः परतया तृणवदपा[स्ताशेषस्व]वीर्य-  
[<sup>6</sup>] फलः प्रार्थनाधिकार्यप्रदानानन्दितविद्वत्सुहृत्प्रणयिहृदय पादचारीव सकलभुवनमण्डलाभोगप्रमोद-  
परम-  
[<sup>7</sup>] माहेश्वरः श्रीगुहसेनः तस्य सुतः तत्पादनखसंतानविमृजमाहूवीजलोघप्रक्षालिताशेषकल्मषः प्रण-  
यिमतस-

<sup>22</sup> Regarding the Ānandapura Chaturvedis see above.

<sup>23</sup> See "Eleven Land Grants," &c. Ind. Ant. vol. VI. pp. 194 et seqq.

<sup>24</sup> See loc. cit. p. 206.

<sup>25</sup> L. 4, read गृहारत्न;—संस्क. L. 5, read कुडि;—  
विद्वत्, भदानपः, तृणवदपा. L. 6, read हृदयः—प्रमोदः.  
L. 7, read सखनसूखसः, विमत.

- [<sup>8</sup>] हलोपजीव्यमानसंपदूपलोभादि[वाश्रितः सर] भसमाभिगामिकैः गुणैः सहजशक्तिः शिशा[वि]शेषवि-  
स्मापि[त]योद्धधनुर्दरः प्र[धमन-]<sup>१०</sup>
- [<sup>9</sup>] रपतिसमतिमृष्टानामनुपालयिता धर्म[दायाना]मपकर्त्ता प्रजोपघातकारिणा उपप्लवानां शमयिता  
श्रीसरस्वत्योरेकाधिवासस्य स[हता]रातिप-
- [<sup>10</sup>] क्षलक्ष्मीपरिभोगदशविक्रमो विक्रमोपसंप्राप्त[वि]मलपार्थि[व]श्रीः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधरसेनः तस्य  
सुतः तत्पादानुदध्यातः सकलजगदानन्दनालाहु-
- [<sup>11</sup>] तगुणसमुद्रस्य गितसमयादिमण्डल समरशतविज[य]शोभासनायमण्डलाग्रद्विभासुरान्तपीठो व्यू-  
ढगुरुमनोरथमहाभारः सर्वविद्यापारपरम-
- [<sup>12</sup>] भागाधिगमविमलमतिरपि सर्वतः सुभाषितलवेनापि स्वोपपादनीयपरितोषः समप्रलोकागाधगांभीर्य-  
हृदयोपि सचरितातिशयसुव्यक्तपरम-
- [<sup>13</sup>] कल्याणस्वभावः खिलीभूतकृतयुगनृपतिपथवि[शोधना]धिगतोदग्रकीर्तिः धर्मानुरोधाजलतरीकृतार्थ-  
संपदूसेवानिरुद्धधर्मादिद्वितीयनामा
- [<sup>14</sup>] परममाहेश्वरः श्रीशीलादित्यः तस्य सुतः तत्पादानुदध्यातः स्वयमुपेन्द्रगुरुणेव गुरुः गुरुणाद्यादरवता  
स्वयमभिलषणीयानामपि राजलक्ष्मी-
- [<sup>15</sup>] स्कन्धासक्तपरमभद्राणां धुर्यस्तदाजासंपादनैकरसतयोद्वाहनखेदसुखरतिभ्यां अनायासितसंपत्ति प्र-  
भावसंपदशीकृतनृपतिशतशिरो-
- [<sup>16</sup>] रत्नच्छायोपगूढपादपीठोपि परामावज्ञाभिमा[नर]सानालिगितमनोवृत्तिः प्र[णति]रेकां परित्यज्य प्रख्या-  
तपौरुषा[भि]भा[नै]रप्यरातिभिरनासादि-
- [<sup>17</sup>] तप्रकृतयोपायः कृतनिखिलभुवनमोदविमलगुणसंहतिः प्रसभविघटितसकलकलि[विलसि]तगतिर्नी  
----- रशेषैः दोषैरनामृष्टा-
- [<sup>18</sup>] त्युन्नतहृदय प्रख्यातपारुषः शास्त्रकौशलातिशय गुणगणतिविषयक्षितिपतिलक्ष्मीस्वयंस्वयंमहाप्र-  
काशितप्रवीरपुरुषप्रयम[संख्या]-
- [<sup>19</sup>] धिगमः परममाहेश्वरः श्रीखरग्रहः तस्य सुतः तत्पादानुदध्यातः सर्वविद्याधिगमः-पवितनिखिलवि-  
द्वज्जनमनः परितोषितातिषय सत्व-
- [<sup>20</sup>] संपत्त्यागैः शौर्व्येण च विगतानुसंधानसमाहितारातिपक्षमनोरथरयाक्षभगः स[म्यगु]पलक्षितानेक-  
शास्त्रकला[लो]कचरितगद्गरवि-
- [<sup>21</sup>] भागोपि परमभद्रप्रकृतिरकृतमप्रश्रयोपि विनयशोभाविभूषणः समरशतजय[पता]काहरण[प्रखलो]  
दय [बाहु]दण्डविध्वंसितविपक्ष-
- [<sup>22</sup>] दप्योदयः स्वधनुप्रभावभूतास्त्रकौशलाभिमानसकलनृपतिमण्डलाभिनान्दितशासनः परममाहेश्वरः  
श्रीधरसेनः तस्यानुजः त[त्पादानु]
- [<sup>23</sup>] दघातः सचरितातिशयितसकलपूर्वनरपतिः दुस्ताधानामपि प्रसाधयिता विषयाणां मू[र्त्तिमा]  
निव पुरु[व]कारः [परिषद] गुणानुरा[गनिर्भ-]

<sup>१०</sup> L. 8, read शक्ति. L. 9, read संहता. L. 10, read  
'नन्दनात्यहु'. L. 12, read 'कागाध'. L. 13, read 'संपदुप-  
सेवानिरुद्ध'. L. 14, read तस्यानुजः ;—perhaps 'वागुहः ;—  
read 'लषणीयामपि 'लक्ष्मी. L. 15, read स्कन्धासक्तं परम-  
भद्र इव 'शोद्धहन्,—सत्वसंपत्तिः. L. 16, read परावज्ञाभिमा-

नरसानालि, —प्रणतिर्मे. L. 17, read 'प्रतिक्रियोपायः—the  
six syllables have not been filled in, as it seems clear that  
the plate did not exhibit the usual reading. L. 18, read  
हृदयः प्रख्यातपारुषः ;—तिशयः ;—देले गुण ;—देले one स्वयं.  
L. 19, read, धिगमविहित, —'वातिशयः. L. 21, read 'कृषि-  
मः ;—विभूषणः. L. 22, read 'प्रभाव'.



- [<sup>24</sup>] रचितवृत्तिः मनुर्वि स्वयमुपपन्नः प्रकृतिभिरविगतकलाकलाप कान्तिरिस्कृतसलोच्चनः कुमुदनाथ  
प्राज्यप्रतापस्य [गित] दिगन्तरालः<sup>41</sup>
- [<sup>25</sup>] [प्र]ध्वंसितध्वान्तराशिः सततो[दि]तसविता प्रकृतिभ्यः पर प्रत्यपमर्थवन्तमतिबहुतिथप्रयोजनानुबन्धमा-  
[गम]परिपु[ष्ण] विदधानः सन्धिविग्रह-
- [<sup>26</sup>] समासनि[ध्व]य[निपु]ण स्थानमनुपदेशं [ददत्]गुणवृद्धिराजविनितसस्कारसाधूनां राज्य[शालातुरी-  
[यत] न्वयो[रुभयो]रपि निष्णातः प्रकृ-
- [<sup>27</sup>] [तिवि]क्रमोपि करु[णामृ]दुहदयः श्रु[तवान]प्यगावृत्तः कान्तोपि प्रक्षमी शिरसौ[हादौ]पि [निर]सिता-  
दोषवतामुदय[समुप]जनि-
- [<sup>28</sup>] [तजनानुरागपरि]वृंहितभुवनसमर्थितप्रथितवालादित्यदिनीयनामा परममाहेश्वरः श्रीधरसेनः  
[तस्य]सुतः तस्या[दर]देलेप्रणा-
- [<sup>29</sup>] [मधर]णिकषणजनित[किण]लां[छन]ललाटचन्द्रसकल शिशुभाव एव श्रवणनिहितमौक्तिकालंकारवि-  
ध्रमामलश्रुतविशेष प्रदानसलि-
- [<sup>30</sup>] [ल]ला[लित]प्रहस्तार[विन्दः] व्यास इव मृदुकर[ग्रहणाद]मन्दीकृतानन्दीविधः वसुधरायाः कास्मृक-  
धनुर्वे[द] इव संभावि[ताशेष]लक्ष्यक[लाप]प्र-
- [<sup>31</sup>] [णत]समस्तसामन्तमण्डलोपमनिभृतचूडामणनियमनशासनः परमेश्वरः परममहेश्वरकमहारा-  
[जाधिराजपरमेश्वरचक्रवर्ति]श्रीधर-
- [<sup>32</sup>] [सेनः] तमिता[मह]भातृश्रीशालादित्यस्य शार्ङ्गपाणेरिवाद्यजन्मनो भक्तिबन्धुरावयवरतिधवलया  
तस्या[दारविन्द]प्रवि[तया] चरणनखमणि[रु-]
- [<sup>33</sup>] [चा]म[न्दाकि]न्येव निलममलितो[त्तमा]गदेशस्यागस्त्यस्येव राजर्षेः दक्षिण्यमातन्वानस्य प्र[वल]धव-  
लिम्बा यज्ञ[सा] वलयेन म-
- [<sup>34</sup>] [चिद]त[कु]मानवयावर - - शेषः सण्डपरिवममण्डलस्य पयोदश्यामशिक्षरचूचुरकचि[स]द्वान्धा-  
[स्तनयुगा]याः खितेः पत्युः श्री[देव]भट-
- [<sup>35</sup>] स्यामजः सितिसहतेः - - - स्य शुचिप्यशोशुकभृतः स्वयंवराभिलाषिणीमिव रा[ज]श्रियमर्थ-  
यन्याः[कृत]परिग्रहः सौर्यमप्रतिह[
- [<sup>36</sup>] त[व्यापार]मानमितप्रचण्डरिपुमण्डलमण्डलाग्रमिवालं[वमा]नः शरादि प्रसभमाकृष्टशिलामुख[नाणा-  
सनापादित]प्रसाधनानी]
- [<sup>37</sup>] परभुवां विधिवदाचरितकरग्रहणः पुंश्वेव विधिवर्णोज्वलन श्रुतातिशयनोद्भासितश्रवणयुगलः पुनः  
पुनरुक्तेनेव रत्ना]
- [<sup>38</sup>] [लङ्का]रेणालंकृतश्रोत्रः परिस्फुरत्कटकविकटकीटपक्षरत्रकिरणमिवच्छिन्नप्र[दान]तलिलनिवहानवसे-  
कविलसम्भव[शैवला]-
- [<sup>39</sup>] कुरमिवायपाणिमुहह धृतविशालरत्नवलपजलधिवेलातटायमनभुजपरिषक्तविशम्भरः परममाहेश्वरः  
श्रीधरसेनः तस्यामजो-

<sup>41</sup> L. 24, read 'रचिगत', कलापः; 'सलोच्चनकुमुदनाथः'.  
L. 25, read, परः. L. 26, read निपुणः स्थानेमुपपन्नः; इतिवि-  
धानजनितसं. L. 27, read स्थिरसी. L. 28, read श्रीधर-  
सेनः; — तस्यादकमल. L. 29, read सकलः; विशेषः.  
L. 30, read कलापः. L. 31, read मण्डलोपमं — मणीमि-  
यमाणः परममाहेश्वरः. L. 32, read 'शार्ङ्गजन्मनो' after

'रावयव six syllables have been left out. L. 33, read दाशि-  
न्य'. L. 34, read वमसि विदिततामण्डपरिवेशः पयोदः—  
रक्षितसद्विन्ध्य. L. 35, read स्यात्तुजः सितिसं; गिण्याः;  
शुचिप्यशो. L. 37, read 'उज्वलेन'; 'शयेनो. L. 38, read  
किरणविच्छिन्नः निवहनाव'. L. 39, read निवाप्रमुहहत्;  
तटायमान'.

## Plate II.

- [<sup>1</sup>] [परमहीपति]स्पर्शदोषनाशन[धियेव ल]क्ष्या स्वयमतिस्पष्टचेष्टमा[श्लिष्टाङ्गयष्टिरतिरुचिरचरितग-  
रिमपरिकलितसकलनरपतिरति]-
- [<sup>2</sup>] प्रकृष्टानुराग[सरभस]वशाकृतप्रणतसमस्त[सा]मन्तचक्रचूडामणिमयूख[स्वचितचरणकमलयुगलः प्रो  
हामोदारदोर्दण्डदलितद्विषद्वर्ग-]
- [<sup>3</sup>] द[र्प्यः] प्रसर्प्यत्पटीयः प्रतापप्रेषिताशेषशत्रुवंशः प्रणयिपक्ष[निक्षिप्तलक्ष्मीकः प्रेरितगदोत्ति]प्तसु[दर्शन-  
चक्रः परि]हृत-
- [<sup>4</sup>] बालक्रीडोनद कृतदिजातिरेकविक्रमप्रसाधितधरित्रीतलोन्मीकृतजलशायोपूर्वपु[रुषोत्तमः साक्षा."]  
दुर्मद्व सग्यगव्य]वस्था-
- [<sup>5</sup>] [पित]वर्णाश्रमाचारः पूर्वैरप्युर्व्वपतिभिः तृष्णालवलुब्धैः यान्यपहतानि दे[व]त्र[हृदे]यानि [तेषा]म  
[प्यतिसरलमना]ः प्र-
- [<sup>6</sup>] [स]रमुत्सङ्कलनानुमोदनाभ्यां परिमुदिततृभुवनभिनन्दितोत्कृतोत्कृष्टधवलधम्मध्वजप्रकाशितानेजवै-  
शो [देवद्विजगुरुप्रति यथा]र्त्य[मनवरत-
- [<sup>7</sup>] प्रवर्तितमहोद्रेकादिदानव्यसनानुप[जात]संनोषोपात्तोदारकीर्तिः परपरादन्तुरितनिखिल[दिक्चक्रा]  
लः [स्पष्टमेव यथार्थ] धर्मादिसि-
- [<sup>8</sup>] द्वितीयनामा परममाहेश्वरः श्रीखरग्रह तस्याभजन्मनः कुमुदपण्डश्रीविकासिन्या कलावतश्च-  
न्द्रिक[येव कीर्त्या धवलितसकल]दिङ्मण्ड-
- [<sup>9</sup>] लस्य खंडितागुरुविलेपनविडम्बामलविष्यशैलविपुलपयोधरायाः क्षितेः पत्युः श्रीशीलादित्यस्य सुनु-  
[र्नवप्रालेपकिरण इव]
- [<sup>10</sup>] प्रतिदिनसंबर्द्धमानहृदयकलाचन्द्रवालः केसरीन्द्रशिशुरिव राजलक्ष्मी [स]कलवनस्यलीमिबालंकुर्णणः  
शिखण्डिकेतन इव रुचिमचूडामण्डनः
- [<sup>11</sup>] प्रचण्डशक्तिप्रभावश्च शरदागम इव द्विषतां परममाहेश्वरः परमभट्टारकमहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वर श्रीवष्प पादानुभ्यातः परमभट्टारकमहारा-  
जाधिराजपरमेश्वरः श्रीशीलादित्यदेवस्तस्य सुतः परमेश्वर्य कोपाकृष्टनिस्तृषपातविदेलिताराति-  
करिकुंभस्यलोलसत्प्रसृत[महाप्रतापानलप्रकारपारिगत]-
- [<sup>12</sup>] जगन्मण्डललब्धस्थितिः विकटनिजदोर्दण्डावलंबिना सकलभुवनाभोगभाजा मन्यास्कालनविधुतदु-  
ग्धसिन्धुकेनपिण्डपाण्डुरयशो[वितानेन]
- [<sup>13</sup>] विहितातपत्रः परममाहेश्वरः परमभट्टारकमहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वर श्रीवष्पपादानुदधातः  
परमभट्टारकमहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वर श्रीशीलादित्य[देवः तत्पुत्रः]
- [<sup>14</sup>] प्रतापानुरागप्रणतसमस्तसामन्तचूडामारिन्खमयूखनिचितखजितपादारविन्दः परमेश्वरः परमभट्टा-  
रकमहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वर श्री[वष्पपादा]-
- [<sup>15</sup>] नुदधातः परमभट्टारकमहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वर श्रीशीलादित्यदेव तस्यान्मजः प्रशमिताशेष-  
बलदर्प्यः विपुलजयमंगलाश्रयः श्रीसमा लिं[गनलालि]त-

<sup>1</sup> L. 4, read 'डोनधः कृत'. L. 6, read 'विभुवना' ; 'गुरुप्रति'.  
L. 7, read 'कितिपरंपरा' ; 'धर्मादित्य'. L. 9, read 'विण्डव्या-  
मल'. L. 11, after 'शरदागम इव' half a line has been left

out. Read श्रीपावपादा°. L. 12, after 'सुतः' two lines have  
been omitted; read 'परमेश्वर्यः' ; 'निर्लिता'. L. 15, read  
'चूडामणिमयूखनिचित'. L. 16, read 'देव'.



- [17] वक्षा समपोढनारसिंहविग्रहोर्जितोपुरशक्तिः समुद्रातविपक्षभूभृत्कृतनिखिलगोमण्डलारक्षः पु[र्वो-  
त्तम] प्रणतनाभूतपार्थिवकिरीट-  
[18] [मा]णिक्यमसृणितचरणनखमयूखजिताशेषादिमधूमुखः परममाहेश्वरः परमभट्टारकमहाराजा-  
धिराजपरमेश्वरश्रीवज्रपा-  
[19] दानुद्धरतः परमभट्टारकमहाराजाधिराजपरमेश्वरश्रीशीलादित्यदेवः परममाहेश्वरः तस्यात्म-  
जः प्रथितदुस्सहवीर्यपक्षो लक्ष्म्यालयो  
[20] नरकनाशकृतप्रयत्नः[1] पृथ्वीसमुद्धरणकार्यकृतैकनिश्वः संपूर्णचन्द्रकरनिर्मलजातकीर्तिः[11१॥]  
ज्ञातव्यी श्रुणमयोजितवैरिपक्षः संप [न]-  
[21] निर्दमसुखः सुखदः सदैव[1]ज्ञानालय सकलवन्दितलोकपालो विशाधरैरनुगतः प्रथितः प्रथिव्या  
[11२॥] रत्नोजलो वरतनु-  
[22] गुणरत्नराशिः ऐश्वर्यविक्रमगुणैः परमैरुपेतः[1] सत्त्वोपकारकरणे सततं प्रवृत्तः साक्षाजनार्दन  
इवार्द्धतदुष्टदर्पः [11३॥]  
[23] युद्धेः सकृद्रजघटाघटनैकदक्षः पुण्यालयो जगति गीतमहाप्रतापः[1] राजाधिराजपरमेश्वरवैशजन्मा  
श्रीधूम्रटो जयति जा-  
[24] तमहाप्रमोदः[11४॥]परमेश्वरः परमभट्टारकमहाराजाधिराजपरमोद्धरश्रीवज्रपापानुद्धृतात-  
परमभट्टारकमहाराजा-  
[25] धिराजपरमेश्वरश्रीशीलादित्यदेवः सर्वानेव समाज्ञाप[य]यस्तु वः संविदित यथा मया मातापित्रो-  
रान्मनश्च पुण्ययशोभिवृ-  
[26] द्ये ऐहिकामुष्मिकफलावत्पर्य श्रीमदानन्दपुरवास्तव्यतत्त्वातुर्विदसामान्यशर्कराक्षिसगोब्रवहृत्स-  
ब्रह्मचारि-  
[27] भट्टाखण्डलमित्राय भट्टविष्णुपुत्राय बलिचरुवैश्वदेवाभिहोत्रकृतुकृयाद्युत्सर्पणानर्त्यश्रीलेटक-  
हारे उप्यलहेट-  
[28] पयके महिलावलीनम ग्रामः सोष्ट[ङ्गः] सोपरिकर सोत्पद्यमानविष्टिकः सभूतपातप्रयादायः सदा-  
ज्ञापराधः स-  
[29] भोगभागः सधान्यहिरण्यादयः सर्वराजकीयानां अहस्तप्रक्षेपणीयः पूर्वप्रत्तदेवदायब्रह्मदायवर्जं भूमि-  
च्छिद्रन्यायनाचन्द्रार्का-  
[30] र्णवाक्षितिपर्वतसमकालीनः पुत्रपौत्रान्वयभोग्य उपपातिसर्गेण ब्रह्मदायत्वेन प्रतिपादितः यतोऽस्योचित-  
या ब्रह्मदा[यस्य]  
[31] त्या भुञ्जतः कृषतः कर्षयतः प्रतिदिशतो वा न कैश्चिद्वासेषे वसितव्य ॥ अगामिभद्रनृपतिभिः अ-  
[32] स्मद्देशजैरन्यैर्नानिखानिन्यन्यैश्वर्याण्यस्तिर मानुष्यकं सामान्यं च भूमिदानफलं अवगच्छद्भिः अयम-  
[33] स्मदायोनुमन्तव्यः पालयितव्यश्च उक्तञ्च वदव्यासेनव्यासेनः बहुभिर्वसुधा भूहा राजभिः सगरादिभिः  
[34] यस्ययस्य यदा भूमिस्तस्यतस्य तदा फलं= यानीह दत्तानि पुरा नरेन्द्रैः धनानि धर्मापतनीकृतानि  
निर्माप्यवान्त

<sup>17</sup> L. 17, read 'वक्षा' समुद्रातविपक्षः; सोद्धरः—समुद्रतः—  
पुरोत्तमः. L. 19, read 'पार्थिव' लो. L. 20, read 'कृतैक-  
निश्वः'—गुणमयो. L. 21, read 'रत्नोजलो'. L. 22, read 'सा-  
क्षाज'. L. 23, read 'युद्धेसकृद'. But the sign which looks  
like visarga may be intended for the avagraha. L. 24,

read परममाहेश्वरः—'पादानु'यातः. L. 25, read 'संविदित'.  
L. 26, read 'वलीनामा' सभूतवातः. L. 29, according to the  
other plates. Read 'प्यादेयः' 'वर्जं' 'न्यायेना'. L. 29, read  
'वदकानि'. L. 31, read 'वसितव्यम्'. L. 32, delete first 'नित्यम्';  
read 'स्थिरं'. L. 33, read 'वदव्यासेन'. L. 34, read 'पुरा नरेन्द्रैः'.

- [55] प्रतिमानि तानि को नाम[सा]धु प्रतिराददीत षष्ठि वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गो तिष्ठति भूमिदः आच्छेत्ता\*\*  
चानुमताच्च तान्येवनर-
- [56] के[व]सेत् ॥ भुषुटवीज्वतोयासु सुष्ककोटरवासिनः कृष्णाहयो हि जायन्ते भूमिदायं हरन्ति ये ॥  
दूतकोचमहाप्रतीहा-
- [57] रश्रीदेवहासपटलिकवराजकुलश्रीसिद्धनाथश्रीशर्वटसुतः तथा तन्मियुक्तव्रतिनानर्त्तककुलपुत्रमा-
- [58] सगुहेन हेम्वट पुत्रेण लिखितमिति ॥ संवत्स[र]कातचतुष्टये सप्तचत्वारिंशदधि[के] व्येष्टशुद्धपंचम्यां  
अङ्क-
- [59] त सवत ४४७ व्येष्ट शु ५ ॥
- [60] स्वहस्तो मम-

## MISCELLANEA.

## POLYANDRY IN THE PANJÁB.

Str.—I have just read in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. VI. p. 315, Dr. Muir's paper "On the Question whether Polyandry ever existed in Northern India," and in response to the last sentence of his postscript the making known of a few facts I have gleaned may not be without interest.

Having occasion in 1872 to visit Ropar, a town in the Ambála District at the point where the Satlaj débouches from the hills, I was induced by hearing that a *dák* of some kind was procurable at the Sirhind station of the Sindh, Panjáb, and Dehli Railway to alight there, as the most convenient place for getting across the twenty miles between the railway and Ropar. No *dák* of any kind was, however, procurable, and I was compelled to send for a common country-cart to pursue my journey in, and entered into conversation with the driver, a Panjábí Ját, who was as good-humoured and communicative a man as the majority of his race. He let fall some remarks which induced me to question him on the subject of polyandry (of the existence of which I had not previously the faintest conception), and from his replies, as well as from subsequent inquiries, I have ascertained that there exists at this present time a system of polyandry among the Ját s. The same institution is not unknown among the Chamáras and other low castes at the foot of the hills and in the lower hills, and its existence in the higher hills is well known. My own inquiries have been in the Cis-Satlaj districts of Ambála, Ludhiána, Ferozpur, and Sirsa, and the Trans-Satlaj districts of Jálánder and Hoshiárpur.

Whether the Ját s are Áryan or Turanian I do not know, but I have always remarked two distinct kinds of them—not, however, living apart from each other. One is the typical Sikkh, tall and light-

complexioned, with a purely Caucasian type of face, and often with an aquiline nose; the other is shorter and darker, and essentially Tatar in feature. They are, so to speak, fused together, and the former type generally prevails, although the latter is very strong in particular families. The words of Prof. Weber, vol. VI. p. 317b, describe exactly the differences between the Panjábí Ját and Hindustáni Ját. To such an extent does the former (in every respect the superior and manlier) carry his disregard of Bráhmaism that without the slightest compunction he cuts off *pípál* branches (*Ficus religiosa*) to feed his camels—an act the Ját would shrink from in horror as nothing less than sacrilege. My Panjábí camel-men have often been set upon and beaten for this act by the Hindustáni Ját s of the Dehli, Gurgaon, and Rohtak districts.

When a Ját is well-to-do he generally procures a wife for each of his sons, but if he is not rich enough to bear the expenses of many marriages he gets a wife for the eldest son only, and she is expected to, and as a rule does, accept her brothers-in-law as co-husbands. There is no attempt to conceal the fact, and it is even a common thing when women quarrel for one to say to the other, "You are one so careless of your duty as not to admit your husband's brothers to your embraces!" It is true that Bráhmaical influence prevents open cohabitation with an elder brother's wife, but no great pains are taken to conceal it.

The custom of forcing a younger brother to take the elder brother's widow (to raise up seed to his brother) is well known. Many tribes practise it. I have even heard of the thing being done among poor Bányás in Dehli.

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Dehli, 1st January 1878.

\*\* L. 35, read साधुः पुनराः षष्ठिः—म. L. 36, read वि-  
न्याः—युक्. L. 37, letters 3-5 uncertain. Probably  
होसपटलिकोव to be read. Read नाव. L. 39, read अ-

कृतम्—read संवत्. The त of Satvat stands under the व.

\* Always pronounced Satlaj by natives.



# ANCIENT SUPERSTITIONS REGARDING "MEETING EYEBROWS."

Sir Henry Maine's article on South Slavonians and Rājputs has recalled to my mind a curious parallel between Hindu and Slavonian folklore.

In the 20th Lambaka of the *Kathā Savit Sāgara* a witch is mentioned who undertook to confer on her disciples the power of flying in the air, by means of the eating of human flesh (*mahāmdusa*). She is thus described:—"She was of repulsive appearance. Her eyebrows met, she had dull eyes, a depressed flat nose, large cheeks, widely parted lips, projecting teeth, a long neck, pendulous breasts, a large belly, and broad expanded feet."

The only point I desire to call attention to in this inventory of the lady's charms is the fact of her eyebrows meeting. For I find that Mr. Taylor, in his *Primitive Culture*, vol. II. p. 176, speaking of Slavonian superstitions says,—“A man whose eyebrows meet as if his soul were taking flight to enter some other body may be marked by this sign either as a werewolf or a vampire.”

In both superstitions we find this notion, that meeting eyebrows are the outward sign of a predilection for human flesh.

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Calcutta, 15th Jan. 1878.

# THE BLINDING OF SHĀH MANSŪR BY HIS REBELLIOUS SON.

Let not thy heart the World's vain goods pursue,  
For no one yet has found her promise true.

No stingless honey in her mart we buy,  
No thornless dates her garden will supply.  
If lamp she lights, as soon as it grows bright  
The wind extinguisheth the spreading light.  
Who careless doth his heart on her bestow,  
Behold, he cherishes a deadly foe:  
The warlike king, who made the earth his prey,  
His sabre dripping from the bloody fray,  
Who with one onset put a host to rout,  
Or broke a centre with a single shout;  
Who chiefs unjustly into prison threw,  
Beholding heroes when no crime they knew;  
Who made the lioness untimely bear  
In deserts when his name but sounded there;  
Who made Shirāz, Tabriz, Irāk, obey—  
Succumbed at last on his appointed day:  
For one who his world-scanning eye made bright  
With stabbing awl destroyed that piercing sight.

*Birkbeck's Selections from Hdkz.*

A Professorship of Zend has been founded at the *École des Hautes Etudes*, Paris. It is the first chair established in Europe for the special study of the ancient language and literature of Persia. The first professor is M. James Darmesteter, the author of two works of great interest on the old Persian religion,—the first an essay on the mythology of the *Avesta*, entitled *Haurvatāt et Amərətāt*, published in 1875; and the second a volume, published last year, on the origin and history of the two principles, and styled *Ormazd et Ahriman*.

# BOOK NOTICES.

A COMPARATIVE GRAMMAR of the Modern Aryan Languages of India: to wit, Hindi, Panjabi, Sindhi, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, and Bangali. By John Beames, Bengal Civil Service, &c. Vol. II. The Noun and Pronoun. (London: Trübner & Co., 1875. pp. 342.)

The first volume of Mr. Beames's work was reviewed at considerable length in the *Indian Antiquary* (vol. IV. p. 186). Our notice of the second volume shall be brief.

Mr. Beames speaks of the great and ever-growing pressure of work in Government offices, as “the machinery of Government becomes more complex.” This compelled him to lay aside at one time all literary work for six months together. We have reason, then, to congratulate Mr. Beames and the public that the second volume issued from the press only two years and a half after the first. On the score of this pressure of official duty the author asks indulgence for “the disjointed and unfinished appearance of some parts of the work.” Certainly there are marks of haste, and a want of artistic finish in the book; but we do not deem these to be unpardonable faults. On the other hand, the merits of Mr. Beames are great. They are such as these—extensive knowledge, great pains and patience in investigation, a quick and generally accurate perception. There are many

statements in the book the truth of which we doubt, and some which we feel disposed to deny; but, take it all in all, the production is in a high degree creditable to the author.

The volume contains Book the Second, which comprises four chapters. The three first chapters discuss the Noun; the fourth the Pronoun.

In addition to the seven dialects which formally come under investigation, we have remarks on cognate forms of speech, such as Kashmiri, Nepālī, and the Gipsy language. Mr. Beames thus traverses a very extensive field, in which the report of a pioneer (which in truth he is) cannot reasonably be expected to be either perfectly accurate or exhaustive. But we are very thankful for the mass of information which he has supplied.

In some of his opinions Mr. Beames strongly dissents from the Pandits and even some European scholars. For example, Bangālī has been represented as the eldest daughter of Sanskrit, and as retaining the mother's character more fully than the younger sisters. But, says he, “it is in truth one of the youngest grand-daughters.” Its phonetic and organic structure prove it to be “a very poor and rustic patois” which of late has been deluged with resuscitated Sanskrit words

and forms. We submit the interesting question to those who have studied Bangālī deeply; but meantime we hold with Mr. Beames, and with him also we reprobate the pedantry of reproducing dead Sanskrit forms in living Bangālī speech.

The presence of Arabic and Persian words in the vernaculars of India has been to many a stumbling-block, and they have proposed to weed them out as interlopers—as invaders of recent date. Mr. Beames, however, justly reminds us that many of these words were naturalized very long ago. The influence of Arabic in India began with the conquest of Sindh in the early part of the 8th century; in the 11th the expedition of Mahmūd of Ghazni extended the knowledge of Arabic (Mr. Beames should have added, 'and Persian') to all north-western India. The seven sister dialects had foreign elements thus woven into their structures from the very commencement; and often, even in sequestered rural places, the Arabic or Persian term is more familiar to the mass than any synonymous word of Indian origin.

Mr. Beames is much of a utilitarian. In the vast complications of classic grammar he has no complacency; he rejoices in the simplification which marks the modern dialects. English is "our own beautiful and practical language," which has "emancipated itself from awkward and cumbersome swaddling clothes." Thus, in regard to gender, he pities the 'stilted' Marāṭhī and Gujarātī for having retained masculines, feminines, and neuters;—he thinks that Hindi, Panjābī, and Sindhi have done well in rejecting the neuter; and that Bangālī and Oriyā are to be congratulated on having no gender at all. We hardly know whether he prefers our English mode of designating natural (as distinguished from grammatical) gender to that which prevails in the languages which have retained the distinction he dislikes. For instance, is it better to have *horse* for the masculine and *mare* for the feminine, than with the Marāṭhī to say *ghoḍā*, *ghoḍī*? We cannot think so. Mr. Beames, it is plain, must immensely prefer the constancy with which the English article *the* does duty in all circumstances and connections; while he must pity the ever-shifting forms of its German representative—*der*, *die*, *das*, *des*, *dem*, *den*. What say the Germans to this? And will our friends in Western India rejudge his judgment when he ventures to speak of "the usual ill-luck of Marāṭhī"?

Mr. Beames in his first volume showed a good deal of 'a skipping spirit,' and refreshed himself and his readers with a very passable joke now and then. Hard official work, we fear, is taking the fun out of him; which is a pity on all accounts. In a discussion on the numerals (which, by the by,

is one of the most interesting in the volume) he suddenly asks—"Had the Gipsies only learnt to count as far as six when they left India?" This, because above six the resemblance between the Gipay and other Indian numerals nearly vanishes. Mr. Beames's question, if seriously put, is absurd, and as a joke the thing will hardly pass muster.

But we cannot let our closing remark be one of censure. We must heartily congratulate Mr. Beames on his having, on the whole, well sustained the position—and it was a high one—which he won for himself as an Orientalist by his former volume.

HISTORY OF NEPĀL, translated from the *Parbatīyā* by Munehl Siva Sankar Singh and Pandit Śrī Guṇānand: with an introductory sketch of the country of Nepāl, by the editor, DANIEL WRIGHT, M.A., M.D., late Residency Surgeon at Kāṭhmāṇḍū. 81. 8vo, pp. 324. (Cambridge University Press, 1877.)

Our information respecting Nepāl is still very defective, and, as Dr. Wright remarks, it is hardly possible to give it any degree of completeness "while our relations with it remain as they are at present," but for this very reason this work is all the more valuable. It is only to be regretted that the editor did not bestow more pains, while in the country, upon the revision of the *Vaṇḍavali* or Genealogical History of Nepāl, according to the Buddhist recension, which he has here edited with only a few notes regarding the customs and places mentioned.

Dr. Wright's sketch of the valley of Nepāl surrounding the capital, about 20 miles in length by 15 in breadth, which is the only portion of the country open to the investigations of Europeans, occupies 75 pages, but, for want of a map, is not always very intelligible. Kāṭhmāṇḍū, the capital, known also by the names of Yindēsi, Kāntipur, and Kāṭhmāṇḍū, is "said to have been founded by Rāja Guṇakāmadeva, in the Kaligat (*sic*, for *Kaliyuga*) year 3824 (A.D. 723)." It is built on no regular plan, and its shape is very irregular, but "is said by the natives to resemble the Khora or sword of Devī." Its population is estimated by Dr. Wright at 30,000. "The better class of buildings is elaborately ornamented with plaster and paintings, and the houses in general possess large projecting wooden balconies, which are richly carved;" the temples "are several stories in height and profusely ornamented with carvings, painting, and gilding," but the carvings on many, and even on private houses, contain most obscene groups, the only reason assigned for which filthy custom being "that such figures are supposed to protect the buildings from being struck by lightning" (pp. 9-10). The streets are narrow and the whole town is very dirty: in short "Kāṭhmāṇḍū may be said



to be built on a dunghill in the midst of latrines" (p. 12).

Pāṭān, the next city, about two miles S.E. of Kāthmāṇḍū, was built by Rāja Bir Deva in the "Kaligat" year 3400 (A.D. 299), and is called by the names of Yellondēsi and Lalita Pāṭān. Its population "is said to be 30,000" (p. 16). Bhāṭgāon, about nine miles E. from the capital, was founded by Rāja Ānand Malla, A.D. 865, and was at first named Bhaktāpur, but was also known as Dharma Pāṭān and Khopodēsi: its population is also "estimated at about 30,000."

The principal races of Nepāl are the Gōrkhās or Gōrkhālīs, Nēwārs, Gārungs, Limbūs, Kirātīs, Bhōtiyās, and Lepchās. The Gōrkhālī is the dominant race, and derives its name, says Dr. Wright, "from the town of Gōrkhā," which is about 60 miles W.N.W. from Kāthmāṇḍū, but this again is derived from the eponymous deity of the royal family, viz. Gōrkhānātha. They conquered Nepāl in 1768. "The Limbūs and Kirātīs occupy the hilly country to the eastward of the valley," and are famous as hunters. "They are both short, flat-faced people, powerfully built, and decidedly Mongolian in appearance" (p. 27). Like the Nēwārs and Bhōtiyās, they are Buddhists. In very early times the chronicle relates that the Kirātīs came from the east and conquered the Āhir prince, establishing a dynasty which gave 29 princes to the throne, but was at last overthrown by the Somavāṇsī Rājputs.

The second chapter of the introduction concludes with a very brief account of 22 of the principal *jātrās*; the third gives some account of the occupations of the people, laws and punishments, trade and manufactures, agriculture, revenue, &c.; the fourth sketches briefly the history of the country during the past hundred years; and the last remarks on the political aspect of matters in Nepāl, and the pettish, avaricious, rude, and jealous character of the Gōrkhās.

The 'History' is sadly deficient in details and dates. The valley, we are told, was formerly known as Nāg Hrad—"the tank of the serpent." In the Trētāyuga, Viśvabhū Buddha came from a country called Anḍapam to worship Svayambhū Buddha, and showed his disciples the place through which the waters of the Nāg Hrad should be made to run out. In later times the Rishi Nē performed his devotions at the junction of the Bāgmati and Kōśāvatī rivers, and ruled over the country, which derived its name from him. After this Manjūśrī came from Mahā-chin, and cut through the mountain and let the water run out with several Nāgas and other animals, but he per-

sueded Karkōṭak, king of the Nāgas, to remain, and pointed out to him a large tank (called Tandāh) to live in; but afterwards Dānāsaur dammed up the passage again, and Bhima the Pāṇḍava came from Dolkhā and amused himself in a stone boat upon the lake. Viṣṇu re-opened the passage, and a thousand years after, Rāja Svayambhāta was made king. Vir Vikramāditya took service under him, and ultimately became king and "ruled a thousand years," leaving the kingdom to his son Vikrama Kēśari. Later still Rānī Pingalā, the wife of Sudatta of Mārāvāḍa, came and performed penances to Guhājēvari, but was taken back by her husband (pp. 104-5). These events, however, are all relegated to very early ages. Nē Nurmi installed a cowherd named Bhuktamāna as king, who founded a Gupta dynasty. We could have wished for a better chronology than Kirkpatrick's, but that does not seem available; in fact the earlier dynasties have either been manufactured, or, which is quite as probable, and of which the case of the Simraon dynasty is an instance, two or more of them were contemporary, and none of them of any very great antiquity. The following are the lists of the dynasties with the dates derived by Mr. Prinsep from Kirkpatrick—and his names<sup>1</sup>—where they differ from the *Yuktalek*—

#### 1. Gupta Dynasty, 521 years.

A.C. 3803 Bhuktamānagata, reigned 83 years (K. Burimahāgāh, 18 years; Prinsep supposes about A.C. 844).

3795 Jaya Gupta, his son, ruled 72 years.

3722 Parama Gupta " 80 "

3631 Bhimagnpta 93 (Śrī Harkh 67) "

3564 Bhimagnpta " 38 "

3526 Manignpta " 37 "

3489 Viṣṇugupta " 42 "

3423 Yaksha Gupta " 71 "

(Jaya-gupta II. overcame the Rājputs near Janakpur about A.C. 700 P.)

#### 2. The Āhir Dynasty from Hindustān.

A.C. 3351<sup>2</sup> Vars Siṅha, Āhir (Bal Siṅha, descendant of Mahipā Gopāla).

3302 Joyamati Siṅha.

3281 Bhuvana Siṅha, overcome by Kirātīs from the east.

#### 3. Kirātī Dynasty.

A.C. 3240 Yalambara, 13 years, Yellang (Prinsep A.C. 646 P.).

3150 Pavi (Daekham), in whose reign the Kaliyug began, A.C. 3102).

— *Shandhara*.<sup>2</sup>

3113 Valamba (Balāncha).

3086 Hriti (Kingle).

<sup>1</sup> Thomas's ed. of Prinsep's *Essays*, vol. II. *Useful Tables*, pp. 369-71.

<sup>2</sup> Prinsep by a clerical error has 3211 here.

<sup>3</sup> The names in italics are wanting in Kirkpatrick.

B.C. 3040 Humati (Henanter).  
2990 Jitēdāsti (Tuskah joined in the Mahā-  
bhārata).

2949 Gali (Srupast).  
2910 Pushka (Parb).  
2854 Suyarna (Jetydāstri).  
2794 Parva (Panchem).  
2723 Bunka (King-king-king).  
2667 Swananda.  
2627 Sthunko (Thumu, cotemporary with Aśoka,  
B.C. 260?).

2558 Gighri (Jaigri).  
2498 Nanē (Jenneo).  
— Luk.  
2365 Thōra.  
2294 Thōkō (Thamu).  
2211 Varmā.  
2138 Guja (Gunjah).  
— Pushkara (Kashkūn).  
2065 Keśō (Teshō).  
2019 Suga (Sungmia).  
1950 Sansa (Jasha).  
1887 Gunan (Gontho).  
1813 Khimbu or Shimbu.  
— Patuka attacked by the Somavāṇśa Rājputs.  
1739 Gasti (Galijang subdued by the Soma-  
vāṇśis).

#### 4. Somavāṇśa Dynasty.

B.C. 1658 Nimika or Nimisha (Nevesit, A.C.  
178).

1608 Matāksha (Mattarātio).  
1517 Kāka-varmā.  
1441 Paśupresha-deva rebuilt the temple of  
Paśupati K.Y. 1234 (Paśupushadeva).

1385 Bhāskara-varmā, a great conqueror.

#### 5. Sūryavāṇśa Dynasty, ruling at Bānēvara.

B.C. 1311 Bhumi-varmā, a Khetri, crowned in  
K.Y. 1369.

1270 Chandra-varmā.  
1249 Chandra-varmā (Jaya-varmā).  
1187 Varsha-varmā (Vṛisha-varmā).  
1130 Sarva-varmā.  
1081 Pṛithvi-varmā.  
1025 Jyeshtha-varmā.  
977 Hari-varmā (Kuvera-varmā).  
901 Kuvēra-varmā (Hari-varmā).  
824 Siddhi-varmā.  
763 Haridatta-varmā built the temple of Nila-  
kanṭha Nārāyaṇa.  
724 Vasudatta-varmā.  
691 Pati-varmā (Sripatri-varmā).

\* Kirkpatrick gives Bhūmi-gupta A.D. 178 as the 3rd  
Ahir king expelled by Śivadeva-varmā A.D. 218, adjusted  
by Prinsep to A.D. 470.

† These dates cannot both be correct; if we accept the  
second it would tally well enough with the next date under  
Gunakama-deva K.Y. 8634,—only that date is perhaps con-  
siderably too early.

B.C. 688 Śivavṛiddhi-varmā.

611 Vasanta-varmā.

550 Śiva-varmā (Deva).

— Rudradeva-varmā.

498 Vṛiksha-deva-varmā; Śankarāchārya visit-  
ed Nepāl.

436 Śankara-dēva Rāja.

386 Dharma-deva (Brahmadeva).

335 Mān-dēva.

297 Mahādeva.

247 Vasantadeva-varmā II. crowned K. Y. 2900.

190 Udayadēva-varmā.

143 Mānadeva-varmā II.

98 Gunakāmadēva-varmā (Sukam).

48 Śivadeva-varmā removed the capital to Deva  
Pāṭan.

B.C. 6 Narēndradeva-varmā, brother of Śiva-  
deva.

A.D. 27 Bhīmadeva-varmā (displaced by the  
Ahirs).

43 Viśhṇudeva-varmā (Viśhṇu-gupta).

117\* Viśvadeva-varmā cotemporary with Vikra-  
māditya, gave his daughter in marriage to Ansu-  
varmā, a Thākuri or legitimate Rājput (Kriṣṇa-  
gupta).

6. The Thākuri Dynasty, capital Madhyalakkhu (p. 133).

A.D. 259 Anēu-varmā (Anghu-varma). Bibhu-  
varmā built an aqueduct on the left side of the  
road leading southward to Rāni-pokhri; in his  
time 3000 years K.Y. had elapsed B.C. 101.

301 Kṛita-varmā.

319 Bimārjuna-deva.

368 Nanda-dēva. Śālivāhana Śaka introduced  
into Nepāl.

299<sup>†</sup> Vira-deva (Śiva-deva 371) founded Lalit-  
pur.

— Chandrāśētu-deva, the country suffered  
from invaders.

387 Narēndra-deva, 7 years (37 years).

424 Varu-deva, 8 years (Bala-deva, 17 years);  
moved his capital to Lalit-Pāṭan; Gorakhnāth came  
to Nepāl; 12 years' drought; Machchhindranātha  
came to Nepāl K.Y. 3623, A.D. 522.\*

441 Śankara-deva, 12 years.

463 Varddhamāna-deva, 13 years (Bhima Arjuna  
16 years).

469 Bali-deva 13 years (Jaya-deva, 19 years).

488 Jaya-deva, 15 years (Sribala-deva, 16 years).

504 Bālārjuna-deva, 17 years (Kandara-deva,  
27 years).

(807 Vikrama-deva, 12 years).<sup>†</sup>

\* Kirkpatrick's list supply after Kondara—A.D. 531  
Jaya-deva II.; 574 Bala-deva III.; 586 Bālārjun-deva;  
625 Raghuba-deva (said to have introduced the Nawār era,  
adjusted to A.D. 860); 666 Śikar-deva; and 778 Soho-deva.  
After Vikrama he gives 508 Narēndra-deva; 510 Gunakāma-  
deva; 596 Udaya-deva; 601 Narbhay-deva.



A.D. 810 Gunakāma-deva, 51 years; founded Kāntipur or Kāthmāṇḍu as his capital B.T. 3824, A.D. 728.

908 Bhōja-deva, 8 years (Bhojudevabhadrā).

917 Lakshmikāma-deva, 23 years.

938 Jayakāma-deva, 20 years; he died without issue, and the Vaiśya Thākuri of Noākōṭ elected from among themselves.

958 Bhāskara-deva (Udaya-deva).

966 Bala-deva.

977 Padma-deva.

984 Nāgarjuna-deva.

987 Śankara-deva, expelled by

*The restored Rājput Dynasty.*

A.D. 1004 Vāma-deva.

1006 Harsha-deva.

1022 Sudhāira-deva; restored the Paśupati temple B.T. 3851, A.D. 750.

1050 Māna-deva ruled 10 years (Indra-deva 12 years).

1062 Narasiṅha-deva 22 years (Mān-deva 5 years.)

1067 Nanda-deva 21 years (Narendra-deva 6 years.)

1073 Rudra-deva 7 years (80 years).

1153 Mitra-deva 21 years (Amrita-deva 3 years).\*

— Ari-deva 22 years.

— Abhaya Malla, introduced the new Samvat A.D. 880†

1246 Jaya-deva Malla 10 years.

1280 Ānanda Malla, brother, 25 years; founded Bhāṭgāon A.D. 865, where he ruled.

*Kārnāṭakī Dynasty, capital—Bhoktepur or Bhāṭgāon.*

1 Nānya-deva came from Kārnāṭaka, bringing Newāras from Nāyēra, and defeated the Malla rājas A.D. 889; ruled 50 years.

2 Gangā-deva 41 years.

3 Narasiṅha-deva 31 years; founded Chāpāgāon A.D. 991.

4 Śakti-deva 39 years.

5 Rāmasiṅha-deva 58 years.†

6 Hari-deva removed to Kāntipur; invaded and slain by Mukunda-sena, whose troops were destroyed by pestilence. Then the Vaiśya Thākuri of Noākōṭ established many petty chiefships and ruled 225 years.

*Ayodhya Dynasty.*

A.D. 1324, Harisiṅha-deva of Simraungarh, 28 years.

\* After this Kirkpatrick's list differs greatly from these, and it is evident that previous to the time of Harisiṅha-deva, A.D. 1324, the chronology is in inextricable confusion; from that date Dr. Wright's book helps greatly to rectify our previous knowledge. This dynasty is doubtless placed three centuries too early by the *Vaisakhi*, which apparently makes Gunakāma-deva of a previous list contemporary with Sudhāira-deva of this one.

† It will be observed that this Kārnāṭakī dynasty presents us with the same names in nearly the same order as they occur in the Samangarh or Simraun dynasty, viz. 1. Nānyapa deva, who, according to Hodgson, founded

A.D. 1352 Matsiṅha-deva 15 years.

1367 Śaktisiṅha-deva 22 "

1389 Syūmasiṅha-deva 15 years; a great earthquake in A.D. 1408 (1398?) destroyed the temple of Machchhindranātha, &c.

*Restored Malla Dynasty of Bhāṭgāon.*

1 Jayabhadra Malla 15 years, son-in-law of Syūmasiṅha-deva.

2 Nāga Malla 15 "

3 Jayajagat Malla 11 "

4 Nāgendra Malla 10 "

5 Ugra Malla 15 "

6 Anaka Malla 19 "

7 1386 (?) Jayasthiti Malla 43 years, a legislator.

8 1429<sup>o</sup> Yaksha or Jayayaksha Malla 43 years. kingdom divided.

9 1472<sup>o</sup> Rāya Malla, eldest son of Gaksha, 15 years.

10 Suvarna Malla 15 years.

11 Prāpa Malla 15 years.

12 Viśva Malla 35 "

13 Trulōkya Malla 15 "

14 Jagatjyoti Malla 15 "

15 Narēndra Malla 21 "

1653 Jagatprakāśa Malla 21 years.

1674 Jitāmītra Malla 21 "

1693 Bhūpatindra Malla 34 "

1721 Rājanit Malla; Narbhūpāla of Gorkhā invaded Nepāl 1729.

*Rāja of Banāpa.*

9 Rāna Malla, second son of Yaksha Malla, 21 years.

*Rājas of Kāthmāṇḍu.*

9 Ratna Malla, youngest son of Yaksha, 71 years.

10 Amara Malla, 47 years.

11 Śūrya Malla.

12 Narēndra Malla.

13 Mahendra Malla; temple of Tuljādevi built at Kāthmāṇḍu A.D. 1549, and of Nārāyaṇa at Lalit-Pāṇi 1566.

14 Sadhāira Malla, expelled.

15 Śivasīṅha Malla, his brother; temple of Changu Nārāyaṇa repaired 1585, and that of Swayambhu 1594.

16 Lakshminārāyaṇa Malla, became insane.

Simraun A.D. 1097; 2. Gangā-deva; 3. Narasiṅha-deva; 4. Rāmasiṅha-deva; 5. Śaktisiṅha-deva; 6. Harasiṅha-deva.

\* The dates of the inscription Newār Sam. 542, the Kalyāṇi-yajña 515, and Jayasthiti's death 549 (pp. 183, 187), are probably in error by 100 years. Prinssep places the accession of Jayayaksha in Newār Sam. 371, or A.D. 1610, but this appears to be too late.

† These dates are cited in this reign—S. 778, 782, 787 (pp. 121-2)—but the accuracy of them is questioned by Dr. Wright; they are in accordance, however, with what follows.

17 Pratāpa Malla A.D. 1639<sup>11</sup>; abdicated for a time in favour of his sons:—

A.D. 1666 Parthipendra Malla 1 year.

1667 Nripendra Malla 1 year.

1668 Mahipendra Malla 1 year.

1669 Chakravartendra Malla 1 day—died.

1689 Mahindra or Bhāpāendra Malla 5 years.

1694 Śrī Bhāskara Malla 8 years; a plague raged for two years.

1702 Jagujaya Malla, a distant relative.

1732 Jayaprakāsa Malla A.D. 30 years; war with Prithvinārāyaṇa, who took Kāntipur in 1768.

#### *Kings of Pātan.*

Hariharasiṃha Malla, son of Śivasīṃha, No. 15 of Kāthmāṇḍū.

1654 Siddhi-narsīṃha Malla.

1667 Śrīnivāsa Malla (Nirman Indra Malla).

1702 Yoganarendra Malla.

1706<sup>12</sup> Mahipatindra or Mahindra Siṃha Malla of Kāthmāṇḍū,

1722 Jayayoga prakāsa Malla.

1729-31 Śrī Viṣṇu Malla, grandson of Yoganarendra.

1742 Rājya Prakāsa Malla.

— Rājājī Malla of Bhātgāon 1 year and expelled.

— Jayaprakāsa Malla of Kāntipur 1 or 2 years and expelled.

1749-50 Viśvajit Malla, grandson of Viṣṇu Malla, 4 years; murdered.

Dalmardan Śāh, a Gorkhālī of Noākōt, 4 years; expelled.

Tej Narsīṃha Malla, 3 years; expelled by Prithvinārāyaṇa.

#### *Gorkhālī Rājās claiming descent from the Udayapur family (p. 276).*

1 Michā Khān ruled at Nuwakōt.

2 Jayan Khān.

3 Sūrya Khān.

7 Kulmandan Śāh ruled over Kāski.

8 Yasōvam Śāh, Rāja of Lamjung.

A.D. 1569 Śrī Drabya Śāh, subdued Gorkhā, Śaka 1481, and reigned 11 years.

1570 Śrī Purandar Śāh, his son, 35 years.

1605 Śrī Chhatra Śāh, his son, 7 months.

1606 Śrī Rāma Śāh, his brother, 27 years.

1633 Śrī Dambar Śāh, son, 9 years.

1642 Śrī Kṛishṇa Śāh, son, 11 years.<sup>13</sup>

1653 Śrī Rudra Śāh, son, 16 years (11 on p. 290).

1669 Śrī Prithvipati Śāh, son, 47 years.

A.D. 1716 Narbhūpāla Śāh, his grandson, 26 years 8 months.

1743 Prithvinārāyaṇa Śāh, his son, 32 years; conquered Nepāl A.D. 1768.

1776 Pratapasīṃha Śāh, son, 2 years 9 months.

1778 Rāya Bahādur Śāh, son, 22 years; retired to Banāras; assassinated A.D. 1804.

1799 Gīrvānyuddha Vikrama Śāh, son, 17 years.

1816 Rājendra Vikrama Śāh, son, 30 years 5 months, resigned.

1847 Śrī Surendra Vikram Śāh, son, the present ruler.

The appendices contain lists of musical instruments, agricultural implements, coins, weights and measures, a vocabulary of Parbatīya and Newāri words, 5 Newāri songs with interlinear versions, a recapitulation of the lists of rulers, and a catalogue of about 360 MSS. procured by Dr. Wright for the University of Cambridge, some of them apparently of great age. All the older among them are on palm leaves and are dated in the Nepālese Samvat. Among them may be noted two copies of *Aśtasāhasikā* dated respectively in the 3rd and 5th years of the Nepāl Samvat, or A.D. 883 and 885, and a third A.D. 1008, also a copy of the *Kāya Kāṇḍa-kramāvalī* dated in the 10th year of the era. There is also a fine copy of Yaśomitra's commentary on the *Abhidharmakśāra* of Vasubandhu. The Tantra literature is especially well represented; and among others is a copy of the *Ārya-Manjūśrīmālātāntara*, the historical value of which was noticed by Burnouf.

The book is well got up and illustrated by sixteen plates: four are portraits from photographs of Nepālese celebrities; one double-page coloured plate gives the Five Buddhas, their Tārās or female counterparts, and Bodhisattvas, scarcely differing from the same figures as given by Mr. Hodgson;<sup>14</sup> another double-page plate gives the prayer of Pratāpa Malla to Kālīkā (dated New. Sam. 774) inscribed in fifteen different languages; a lithograph is given of the *pādukās* of Buddha and Manjūśrī (p. 78), and the rest (nine) are views chiefly of temples.

Dr. Wright, in his part of the work, does not show much acquaintance with what has been before written on the subject by Kirkpatrick, Dr. Buchanan Hamilton, and especially Hodgson. To none of these authorities does he even refer, and this must be felt as a defect by every one interested in the subject, who will have to fall back on these earlier writers for fuller information.

<sup>11</sup> Dr. Wright gives a facsimile of the Mantra composed by him and inscribed on the temple of Jagannāth, dated S.S. 774, or A.D. 1693.

<sup>12</sup> This date and that of his death, 1732, do not accord with the rule of Mahindra 1689-1694, but Kirkpatrick gives 1666, Nirman Indra Malla; 1689, Yoganarendra Malla;

1695, Mahipatindra; 1696, Jayavīra Mahendra; 1706, Jayendra Malla-deva; 1715, Hridya Narsīṃha; 1716, Rishi Nirmal-deva to 1732.

<sup>13</sup> Thus on p. 279, but 16 years on p. 290.

<sup>14</sup> *Trans. As. Soc.* vol. II. p. 283.



## THE WIVES OF MUHAMMAD.

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WHEN the manner of Muhammad's relationships with persons of the gentler sex is subjected to investigation as a historical study, the topic naturally divides itself into several sections.

1. We may enumerate, in the first place, his lawfully-married wives.

1. The first of these was Khadija, daughter of Khawailid. At the time of his marriage to this lady, in 595 A.D., Muhammad was in his twenty-fifth year, and Khadija was a widow of forty. Before this marriage she had been twice a widow, her first husband having been Abû Hâlah, and her second Aliq bin 'Âbad: some of the Moslim historians reverse the order of these two names. By each of her former husbands Khadija had borne two children,—a son and a daughter,—who had all of them died before her third marriage. By this marriage six children were born to Muhammad, the first and the last of whom were boys, and the remainder girls. There is a want of harmony in the statements of Muhammadan historians in regard to this point, some of them affirming that Muhammad had at least four sons by this marriage: the above-mentioned statement, however, is the one upon which there is a pretty general agreement, and according to that statement the names of the children, in the order of birth, are given thus:—the eldest, Qâsim; then, the girls, Zainab, Ruqaiyya, Fâtima, and Umm Qolthûm; then, lastly, 'Abd-Manâf, who is called also 'Abdullâh, Tayib, and Tâhir. The male children died in early childhood; the girls grew up, and at length married. When Muhammad was fifty years of age he lost Khadija: she died at the age of sixty-five, in December 619, in the month of Ramazân, and was interred near Makka. Her tomb, which is enclosed by a square wall, is still in existence, and is regularly visited by pilgrims to Makka, especially on Friday morning.

Khadija is known in Moslim legend under the title of 'the chief of women,' she having been the first of her sex (as she was, indeed, also the first human being) who avowed herself a believer in the mission of Muhammad. There is also a legend that Muhammad considered her one of the only four perfect women that ever lived,—the other three being Asia wife of

Pharaoh, Mary the mother of Jesus and daughter of Imrân, and his own daughter Fâtima.

2. His second wife was Sauda, daughter of Zam'ah. Sauda was a widow at the time of her marriage to Muhammad, but she had been only once married. Her husband, Sakrân bin 'Umar, was her paternal cousin. Like Khadija, Sauda was of Qomashite blood, but through a stock remote from that of Muhammad, and, with her husband, was among the earliest adherents of Islâm: they were among those who, on account of the persecutions of the Muhammadans at Makka, fled to Abyssinia as exiles. Sauda may therefore be regarded as having been more than ordinarily devoted to the cause of the new faith. There is some uncertainty about the question of Sauda's offspring by the first marriage: the best authorities, however, seem agreed that she had had but one child,—a son 'Abdurr-rahmân, whose death is believed to have occurred before that of her husband. It is related that when her husband Sakrân lay ill on his dying bed, Sauda mentioned to him one morning a dream from which she had just awoke;—'the prophet of God' had approached her and placed his foot on her neck. Her husband replied, "I am about to die; thou wilt soon be the wife of another." Her marriage with Muhammad took place in February 620, within two months of the death of his first wife. For three or four years Sauda continued to be the only woman with whom he cohabited. There was no issue by this marriage; though it is said that motives of affection, rather than of worldly self-interest, dictated the union. However this may have been, the Moslim historians relate that when age began to advance upon Sauda, Muhammad was on the point of divorcing her. It seems a doubtful point whether the desire to divorce Sauda was occasioned by her advancing age, or by some uneasiness in Muhammad's mind as to her fidelity. It is a somewhat remarkable circumstance that it was only a year before this time—viz. at the conquest of Khaibar—that he assigned to Sauda her portion from the revenues of this victory. The desire to divorce her arose only nine years after the marriage. One legend relates that divorce was actually effected, and this through no misde-

meanour of hers, but solely on the plea that her time of life was now such as to preclude the hope of offspring. She, however, accosted him in the public street, and entreated that she might not be cast out of house and home in her old age, and begged her husband that, if such was his desire, he would bestow upon his favourite 'Āishā her share of his company,—resorting to the society of his more youthful wife on Sauda's day. To this suggestion 'the prophet of God' magnanimously acceded; and, revoking the sentence of divorce, he permitted Sauda to continue henceforward to be nominally his wife. What may have been her age at the time of her being united in marriage to Muhammad is a point that cannot be ascertained; she must, however, have been comparatively young, for she did not die till the end of the Khilāfat of 'Umar, some ten years after the death of Muhammad.

3. Muhammad's third wife was 'Āishā, usually written A y e s h a, and less frequently A e h a. 'Āishā was the daughter of 'Abdu-l-lāh bin Uthmān Abū Qubāfa, better known in Moslim history under the name Abū Bakr (*lit.* 'the spinster's father'),—a title which was bestowed upon him in allusion, apparently, to the fact that he was the father of the only spinster whom 'the prophet of God' had taken into his *harem*. It is not ascertainable at what period this name was given to the father of 'Āishā; most probably it was not given till after the Hājira, when the marriage to Muhammad of such a large number of widows would give distinction to the circumstance of 'Āishā being the only one among all his wives who had been married to him in her virginity,—a circumstance of which 'Āishā never failed to boast. She was the most youthful of his wives, having been married to him at the age of six years, and Muhammadan historians relate that 'the prophet of God' consummated his marriage with the child when she reached her ninth year (Arab. *suhbat*, *ijtima'*, *tajj*; Pers. *kambistar*). Some of the Moslim authorities, however, make each of these events to have occurred one year later in her life,—thus substituting seven for six, and ten for nine. What may have been the impulse which led Muhammad, then more than half a century old, to form this *outré* alliance, it is not easy to conjecture: thus much, however, may be said, that the immediate practical effect of it was to draw yet more closely the bond of friend-

ship which already existed between him and her father, Abū Bakr. Such things could not have been so revolting to the minds of the Arabians as they are to ours, for according to one authority we find that Muhammad gave his own favourite daughter, Fātima, in marriage when she was but nine years of age; some, however, say that she was about fourteen at the time. Moslim traditionists are not agreed as to the precedence of the marriage with Sauda and with 'Āishā: all of them are agreed in assigning these marriages to a period early in the same year—viz. 620 A.D. The truth seems to be that the alliance with 'Āishā was contracted first in the order of time, and that the circumstance of the marriage with Sauda having been consummated prior to that with the child of Abū Bakr furnishes the only claim in Sauda's case to priority to her in a chronological list of the nature of the present one. The marriage with 'Āishā would appear to have been suggested in the first instance by a desire on Muhammad's part to attach to his own interests her father, who was somewhat younger than Muhammad, and who, after his death, became the ecclesiastical and political chief of Islām, and first of the Khālifas. At the time of his marriage to 'Āishā, Muhammad had just turned fifty years of age, so that at the time of his death, at sixty-three, she was about nineteen. That he was influenced in this case by ordinary conjugal emotion can hardly be supposed: the disparity in the matter of age is very striking; and it is not supposable that the charms of the poor child were so duly unfolded at the age of six as to have effected a conquest over the heart of one who had already known more than a quarter of a century of married life. There seems every ground for believing that this was merely a *mariage de convenance*,—an alliance mainly designed to secure, by the strongest ties available, the attachment of her father—a powerful and well-to-do citizen—to the then wavering and doubtful cause of Islām. With but few intermissions, 'Āishā, though childless, maintained through the whole period of her married life the position of favourite wife; and the traditionists delight to relate how that it was on the floor of her house and in her arms that 'the prophet of God' breathed his last, and that her apartment in Madīna has been the one only resting-place of his remains. She lived to a tolerably



good age, for she survived Muhammad about forty-seven years, and did not die till the fifty-eighth year of the *Hajira* (= 680 A.D.), when she would be about sixty-seven years of age.

Partly on account of her having always been so great a favourite of her husband's, and partly on account of her having become after his death so great an authority for legends concerning him, 'Āishā is known in Moslim literature as *An-nabiya*, 'the prophetess,' and *Ummu-l-Muslimeen*, 'mother of Moslems.'

4. His fourth marriage was with *Hafsa*, daughter of 'Umar, the immediate successor of Abū Bakr in the *Khilāfat*. The name of this lady appears in various forms: thus, *Hafsa*, *Hafza*, *Haphsa*, *Haphza*, *Haphsah*, *Haphzah*, &c. The marriage took place in the third year of the *Hajira* (i.e. in 624 A.D.), when Muhammad was in his fifty-fifth year, *Hafsa* being from eighteen to twenty years of age. This was her second marriage, her former husband, *Khunais* the Ethiopian (some name him *Jahsh* the Egyptian), having died six or seven months before her marriage to Muhammad. Whatever may have been the real purpose of Muhammad in contracting this alliance, it had the effect of drawing into still closer friendship to himself her father, 'Umar. The course of this marriage was not unchequered; it was *Hafsa* who, on one of her own days, discovered 'the chief of the prophets' on her own bed with *Mary* the Coptic slave: she is, moreover, said to have been one of those two of Muhammad's lawfully-married wives whom he divorced,—the other, as we have seen, was *Sanda*. The occasion of her being divorced was his displeasure at her determination not to observe secrecy in relation to the circumstances of his amour with the Egyptian girl: afterwards, however, when 'the apostle of God' perceived the deep offence which the divorce had occasioned his friend 'Umar, the angel *Gabriel* was sent down with a special revocation of the sentence of divorce, the matter was made up, and the daughter of 'Umar was restored to favour. *Hafsa* died at *Madina*, at the age of sixty, about the forty-first year of the *Hajira*, and was childless in both of her marriages.

5. His fifth wife was *Zainab* daughter of *Khuzaima*. This alliance was contracted in the ninth month of the fourth year of the *Hajira* (Dec. 625 A.D.). At the time of her marriage to Muhammad, *Zainab* had already been thrice married: her

first husband, *Tufail bin Hārith*, divorced her; the second, 'Ubaida bin Hārith, a paternal cousin of Muhammad's, was slain at the battle of *Badr*; and the third, 'Abdu-l-lāh bin *Jahsh*, was slain in the battle of *Uḥd*. The exact age of this lady at the time of her marriage to Muhammad does not appear to be known: she died soon after her marriage,—some say eight months after, and others say a year and a half,—and with the single exception of *Khadija* was the only one of his wives who did not survive him. *Zainab* was childless in all her marriages. She is said to have been one of the three whom Muhammad took in marriage at their own request. The beneficence of her disposition towards destitute converts won for her the epithet *Ummu-l-musallikin*, 'Mother of the poor.' Some, however, record that this epithet was applied not to this *Zainab*, but to *Zainab bint Jahsh*.

6. The sixth wife was a paternal cousin of his, *Umm Salama*, daughter of *Abi Umayya*. This alliance took place in the fourth year of the *Hajira*, in January 626 A.D., within one month of Muhammad's marriage with *Zainab bint Khuzaima*. At the time of her marriage to Muhammad she was twenty-eight years of age, and had been once a widow. Her husband, *Abū Salama*, died from a wound received at the battle of *Uḥd*,—death supervening some eight months after the infliction of the wound. She brought with her four children, the offspring of her late marriage, but she had no issue by her second. *Umm Salama* had been twice to *Abyssinia* with her husband, who had emigrated thither on account of the persecutions and hardships which, as adherents of Muhammad, they experienced at *Makka*. Though not young at the time of her marriage to Muhammad, she still is said to have been very beautiful. She at first excused herself from complying with his proposal, partly on the ground of her maturity in point of age. Muhammad, however, removed her objections by urging that he too was well advanced in years, and that as for her children, they should be his care. Notwithstanding this, however, it is recorded by some of the traditionists that this lady was one of the three who were taken in marriage by Muhammad at their own request. This marriage of *Umm Salama* was consummated four months after the death of her husband, and within one month of Muhammad's marriage to his fifth wife. After

his marriage in the present instance, he remained in her society for a period of three days; and his example in this particular was ever after followed by 'believers' when they added fresh inmates to their harems. From the circumstance that Muhammad was wont to have Umm Salama accompany him on the march and in his travels generally, it has been inferred that she was one of his special favourites. The exact period of her death is not known: it occurred, however, at some period between the fifty-ninth and sixty-first years of the Hajira, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-four.

7. Muhammad's seventh wife was Zainab the daughter of Jahsh. Zainab was a cousin of Muhammad's, being daughter of Amina, who was a sister of Muhammad's father, 'Abd al-lah. Her former husband, Zaid bin Harith, was at one time a slave of Muhammad's, and, being afterwards freed by him, was adopted by him as his own child. Zainab was divorced from her husband in order that she might be united in marriage to 'the prophet of God.' This marriage was effected a few months after the former one with Umm Salama—viz. in June 626, in the fifth year of the Hajira, Muhammad being then fifty-five years of age. Zainab, in common with so many of his other wives, was childless, and died at the age of fifty-three. There are certain exceptional features in connexion with this marriage: in the first place, the four witnesses required by Islamic law in order to legalize the marriage were dispensed with. The reason was that when, in consequence of the displeasure generally felt in regard to the whole transaction, the difficulty of finding witnesses in this case arose, Muhammad declared that Gabriel had been sent down to him with a message from God,—“We have joined her in marriage unto thee.” Thus was Zainab his *divinely-appointed* bride,—a circumstance on which she was wont, on occasion, to vaunt herself in the presence of her co-wives, saying that, whereas the other wives were given away by their relatives, she had been bestowed upon 'the prophet' by an express divine revelation and behest. Another exceptional feature is found in the extreme difficulty that exists in arriving at a harmonious statement of figures. According to one account, the divorce took place a year after her marriage with Zaid, and when she was only nine years of age, or as some say seven;

according to another account Zainab was over thirty at the time of that event. Again, as to the time of her death, it is said by some that she survived till the fiftieth year of the Hajira; by others that she survived Muhammad only ten or eleven years, or till about the twentieth year of the Hajira. It seems most likely that she was thirty at the time of her divorce; and, her age being fifty-three at the time of her death, she would have survived Muhammad about seventeen years.

8. The eighth wife of Muhammad was Juwairiya, daughter of Bani-Harith, chief of the tribe of the Bani-Mustaliq. Juwairiya was a widow at the time of her marriage to Muhammad,—her unfortunate husband, Zin-l-Shafraim, who was her paternal cousin, having just been put to death at the battle of the Bani-l-Mustaliq. On lots being cast for her as a trophy of war, she fell to the share of Thabit bin Qais. She is said, however, to have been particularly beautiful; and it is related that 'the prophet of God,' overpowered by her beauty, purchased her from Thabit for a sum of money, and without further delay consummated marriage with her. This event occurred in the fifth year of the Hajira, December 626 A.D.; and, as she died in the fifty-sixth year of the Hajira, at the age of sixty-eight, she would be about seventeen at the time of this marriage.

9. His ninth wife was a Jewess, Safia, daughter of Hayy bin Akhtab. Safia is said to have been a beautiful damsel of seventeen or eighteen years of age at the time of her marriage to Muhammad. She had been twice married, and had been divorced by her first husband, Salam bin Shikam. Her second husband, the Jewish chief Kinana bin Rabi', was slain by the party of Muhammad in the battle of Khaibar. On returning from the battle 'the prophet of God' sent her, as his favourite trophy in the war, behind himself on his own camel, and covered her with his own mantle, in token of having made her his wife. The marriage took place immediately after the battle in which her husband had been slain,—that is, in the seventh year of the Hajira (= 628 A.D.). Safia died childless in the fifty-second year of the Hajira, having survived Muhammad forty years: by that time she would be about sixty-three years of age.

10. Muhammad's tenth wife was Umm Habiba, daughter of Abu Sofian. At the



time of her marriage with Muḥammad this lady was the widow of 'Ubaidu-l-lāh bin Jahsh, by whom she had become the mother of one child,—a girl. 'Ubaidu-l-lāh was, in the first instance, a Muhammadan; but, in consequence of the growing persecution of Muḥammad and his adherents in Makka before the Hājira, he removed to the Christian province of Abyssinia, where he gave up Islām and embraced the religion of the country, and at length died a Christian. This man was one of the '*Four Inquirers*,' so called,—that is, persons who are said in Moslim legend to have been in a state of expectancy of a prophet just prior to the time when Muḥammad announced his mission. 'Ubaidu-l-lāh was a maternal cousin of Muḥammad's,—his mother having been a daughter of 'Abdu-l-Muttalib, Muḥammad's grandfather; he was also a brother of Zainab bint Jahsh, the divorced wife of Zaid. On hearing of his death, Muḥammad sent for his widow, and took her in marriage. This event took place at Madina in the seventh year of the Hājira, in the autumn of 628 A.D.—their ages being respectively fifty-six and thirty (or, as some say, thirty-five). This lady had no issue by the second marriage; she lived to see the good age of sixty-four, dying in the fortieth year of the Hājira (=532 A.D.)—thus surviving Muḥammad about thirty years, and dying during the Khilāfat of her brother Mu'āviya.

11. The lady who is generally believed to have been the last of his married wives was Maimūna, daughter of Hārith, and maternal aunt of Ibn Abbās.<sup>1</sup> This was the third marriage of Maimūna,—her former husbands having been Mas'ūd bin 'Umar, and the second Būrahm, from the first of whom, from some cause not now ascertainable, she had become separated. She was joined in marriage to Muḥammad in the seventh year of the Hājira (=629 A.D.),—his age and hers being respectively fifty-eight and twenty-six. This lady Maimūna, together with Umm Salama and Zainab bint Khuzaima, are the three who are said to have bestowed themselves, unsolicited and of their own will and request, upon 'the apostle of God' to be his wives. Some of the authorities do not allow to Maimūna a place among his lawfully-married wives,—maintaining that in this instance there was no formal

marriage. At the time of his marriage to her, Muḥammad had already in his *harem* eight wives, besides ladies of other descriptions: Khad'ja and Zainab bint Khuzaima were the only two who had died. Maimūna lived just fifty-five years after the celebration of her third marriage, and was childless in all her marriages. Surviving, as she did, to the sixty-third year of the Hājira, and to the advanced age of eighty-one, Maimūna was thus not only the last of Muḥammad's wives, but also the oldest, and the one who survived him the longest.

II. We come now, in the second place, to the case of those of Muḥammad's womenfolk who do not fall under the above description of 'lawfully-married': these cases arrange themselves naturally under two heads:—

1. Those ladies with whom he shared connubial rites, but to whom he was not formally married.

In most of these cases the revolting nature of the details must be our excuse for giving no more than the bare names. The women were some of them slaves of Muḥammad's household, and others were captives taken by him among the spoils of war, and appropriated for himself; others, again, were given to him as presents by persons who desired his favour and good-will. The numbers in this list do not indicate the chronological order in which the women were introduced to his acquaintance,—that is a point which it seems impossible to settle with any degree of certainty.

- (1) Kha'ala, daughter of Hakim.
- (2) Rihāna the Jewess.
- (3) Salama, widow of Hamza.
- (4) Umm-Rāfi'.
- (5) Rizwa.
- (6) Amīma.
- (7) Umm-Zamīr.
- (8) Agīma.
- (9) Umm-Imān (also called Barkat).
- (10) Ummaima.
- (11) Mariam Qabīl (Mary the Egyptian).
- (12) Shirīn (sister of Mary the Copt).

The two last-named persons were slaves, the property of Maqāuqa, king of Egypt: they had been selected by him on account of their extreme beauty, for presentation to 'the prophet

<sup>1</sup> It is proper to observe in this place that facts, figures, and names regarding this person are stated by different Moslim

authorities with such exceptionally strange diversity that what we give below must be received with some reservation.

of God' for his own private *ḥaram*. Ultimately Muḥammad decided to retain for himself Mary, the more beautiful of the two, and magnanimously bestowed her sister upon Ḥassān the Poet, one of his own generals.

2. Those ladies, not lawfully married to him, whom, after having taken, he, from a variety of causes, put away without their having shared with him connubial rites:—

- (1) Fātima, daughter of Zuhāk.
- (2) Malaika, daughter of Qa'b.
- (3) Laili, daughter of 'Azim.
- (4) Ghuzia, daughter of Jābar (surnamed Umm Sharik).
- (5) Umm Ḥānī, daughter of Abū Tālib.
- (6) Asmā, daughter of Na'mān.
- (7) Anna, daughter of Zaid (of the tribe of Kunda).

It is important to observe, in regard to these lists, that no small uncertainty rests on the question as to the exact number of ladies who properly appertain to each description given in the headings. Thus, for example, as to the number of those who were formally married to him, some Moslim authorities maintain that they were not more than seven in number; others say eight; others nine; others eleven; others fourteen; others fifteen; others seventeen; others eighteen; others twenty-one; while some of them inform us that 'the prophet of God' paid his addresses to as many as thirty ladies. As to this last number it is added that with seven out of the thirty no formal marriage took place, and that Muḥammad consummated connubial rites with only twelve of the entire number. The variation in the statements of traditionists as to the number of ladies appertaining to each of the headings given above is partly owing, no doubt, to the indiscriminate mixing up of the names of the women who in the various ways above mentioned were associated with him. There is also a want of agreement among authorities as to the exact order in which the marriages took place: thus, some of them put Umm Salama *fifth*, Umm Habiba *sixth*, Juwairiya *seventh*, Safia *eighth*, Zainab bint Jahsh *ninth*, Maimūna *tenth*, and Zainab bint Khuzaima *eleventh*. Three of the lawfully-married wives of Muḥammad are said to have been taken by him in marriage at their own request, and Zainab bint Khuzaima, Umm Salama, and Maimūna are named as the persons

in question: but as to this point, again, there is the most bewildering diversity of statement. A woman thus 'self-bestowed' is technically termed in Arabic *Wahabtu-n-nafs* (Persian *Nafabakhsh*). Several of the ladies whose names come under the different heads of our second list also are termed *nafabakhsh*: for example, Khawla bint Hakim, Ghuzia bint Jābar, Laili bint 'Azim, Asma bint Na'mān, etc. Further, though the names of some of these ladies imply maternity, it must not be supposed that any of them bore offspring to Muḥammad: the circumstance shows rather that they had become mothers before they were introduced to him:

It is a remarkable fact that, notwithstanding the overflowing plunitude of his *ḥaram*, no child was born to him after the death of his first wife,—with the single exception of Ibrāhīm, who was born of Mary the Egyptian, and who died at the age of fourteen or fifteen months. The former of the lists will show that there is no truth in the statement sometimes made, that most of the divorcees whom Muḥammad took in marriage were women whose husbands were still alive; the only case of this nature was that of Zainab bint Jahsh. The details, however, of some of these instances—notably the instances of Safia and Juwairiya,—involuntarily recall the case of Uriah the Hittite, with which the reader of the Old Testament history is familiar. Six only of Muḥammad's married wives were of his own tribe of the Qoraish—*viz.* Khadija, Sanda, 'Āishā, Hafsa, Umm Salama, and Umm Habiba,—and of the others, two were Jewesses. With the exception of 'Āishā, there was not among his wives a single spinster;—they were all of them widows excepting Zainab bint Jahsh. Moslems frequently attribute the tendency of Muḥammad to marry widows to his magnanimous compassion for their forlorn condition: however this may have been, it is to be noted that the widows he married are described as young and beautiful. If magnanimous compassion had been his only sentiment towards them, a set of almshouses and guaranteed support would have fulfilled the dictates of such an emotion; and widows who were neither young nor beautiful would have been sharers of his bounty. The first three of Muḥammad's marriages took place prior to the Hijra,—that is, they took place at



Makka,—and the remainder at Madina. What may have been the largest number of contemporary women (wives and others included) whom he may have had at any given period of his life after the death of Khadija, it is impossible to state with certainty. It is very worthy of note that the outbreak of Muhammad's mania for women occurred at a period of his life subsequent to his announcement of himself as the chosen favourite of God; and notably after the Hajira, when his pretensions were more distinctly avowed than during the comparative quietude of his married life in Makka during the lifetime of Khadija. The exact classification of the unfortunate little girl 'Aishâ is a matter which must be left to the judgment of the reader: making all due allowance for differences said to be occasioned by the climate of southern Arabia, to describe her as a spinster could hardly, without legal quibbling, be deemed an exact application of the terms of our mother-tongue,—it surely is not an application of the term which would commend itself to persons of ordinary sense of propriety. How to describe the case of Zainab bint Jahsh is, again, a problem which we must leave to the good sense of our readers. The former of our lists reveals the circumstance that Muhammad observed no rule as to any relativity between the ages of his wives and himself, nor as to any consanguinity that may have previously existed between himself and them, nor as to the elapsing of any specific period of time either between his marriages, or between the decease of a woman's former husband and her union with himself. It has sometimes been maintained that, on grounds supplied by the Qor'ân itself, some of the names mentioned in our first list belong properly to the second: thus, the Qor'ân lays down the rule that a period of not less than four months must be the minimum of widowhood. Now, this rule, as we have seen, was ignored by Muhammad in the case of both Juwairiya and Safia. Some are even disposed to include in this same category Zainab bint Jahsh. However this may be, his marriage with Zainab was a clear infringement of at least one other law of the Qor'ân, inasmuch as in this case the requisition that every marriage, to be considered lawful, must be witnessed by four witnesses, two on each side, was dispensed with. The question of the order in which Muhammad's

children were respectively born to him is still one of the unsettled points of Moslim history: the order we have given is the one generally received by learned Muhammadans.

There were certain hardships connected with the case of Muhammad's womenfolk which could hardly escape the notice of the most cursory reader. In the first place, it was not lawful for any woman who had ever been united to him to become united afterwards to any other. This is expressly taught in the Qor'ân: none, therefore, of his widows ever re-married; nor, with but one exception, did any of those whom he divorced, however brief may have been the period of their connexion with him, or however innocent they may have been as to the immediate occasion of separation. This it was, in part, that made divorce from him seem so cruel a measure to them, as we see in the case of Saida and others. The exception we refer to appears to be the case of La'il bint 'Azim. The reason was that all these women whom Muhammad took to himself were thereafter called *Ummahâtul-mû'minin*, 'Mothers of the faithful': the interpretation of the epithet is given in the Qor'ân,—Moslims were to "regard the prophet's wives as they would regard their own mothers." Another thing that made it hard for the unfortunate women was that Muhammad claimed the special privilege of unlimited licence,—he was authorized by Heaven to summon to himself any woman he chose. It is laid down in the Qor'ân, as one of his distinguishing privileges, that he was at liberty to appropriate to himself—by force, if force were necessary—any member of the gentler sex whom he might take a fancy to,—and this irrespective of her own inclinations. Should he, moreover, become enamoured of any female whatsoever who chanced to be an inmate of his establishment,—whether she were there in the capacity of servant or of slave,—he was even at liberty to dispense with the formality of lawful marriage. This same privilege of his extended in all particulars to other women besides those who were inmates of his own domestic establishment. There was but one qualification in connexion with this privilege of his, and that was that no woman was to be permitted to become his until she had first acknowledged herself a believer in the divinity of his mission. He had also the express permission of God to relieve himself at any mo-

ment of the presence of any one of his women-folk, and of the burden of her support; but should any of them cease to be desirous of continuing their relationship to him, they, in like manner, were at liberty to follow their own wishes,—always bearing in mind, of course, that the law of the new religion rendered further conjugal alliance criminal. Without intending any redness to the memory of the ladies, it is but natural to suppose that it was, no doubt, this circumstance that gave so much poignancy to their grief at the prospect of being separated from him, and which made them willing (as in the case of Sauda) to themselves propose the abdication of their conjugal claims provided they might be permitted to continue inmates of his *haram*. Though the rule laid down in the *Qor'an* for his followers was that the number of their wives was not to exceed four, yet there was no limit to the number allowed in his own case: the only passage in which there is so much as a hint on the subject of limitation in his case, was not 'revealed' till a short time before his death, at a time when the history of his relations with the occupants of his *haram* was at an end, and as an old worn-out man, exhausted and enfeebled by physical ailments, he might be supposed to have attained satiety. Special divine permission was, he assures us, granted to him ("and," as he expresses it, "to none besides") in all these particulars, as also that he was at liberty, if he were so inclined, to receive in any capacity whatever any person who might offer herself to him for the purpose of cohabitation,—a privilege of which, as we have seen in the case of the *unfabalishis*, he did not hesitate to avail himself. Among the spoils of the conquest Muhammad almost invariably secured in his share of the plunder the most beautiful of the captive damsels, and on his triumphal entry into Mad'na with the trophies of war the inmates of his establishment were wont to peer from their privacy to catch a glimpse of their new rival.

It will not be surprising to learn that the above lists contain what many will hold to be inaccuracies. Some of the dates we know to be disputed. There are but few points in history that are more disheartening to the student than the bewildering diversity of statement which we find in Moslim records regarding the subject of Muhammad's domestic relationships. The case

presents a very fair sample of the difficulty in which Muhammadan authorities have beclouded all subjects relating to their religion and its founder. It is only regarding the barest outlines of Muhammad's life that there is even the semblance of agreement among them; the moment the student inquires into details he perceives how loose and unsatisfactory the whole fabric is. Honest inquiry for historical fact is baffled at every turning,—and this through the inability of Muhammad's biographers to agree among themselves. Seeing that his own admirers differ so widely concerning even mere matters of fact, the impartial investigator must labour to do his best in a judgment of charity, and must give up much as hopelessly involved in contradiction. If it is difficult to arrive at anything like certainty regarding the wives-proper of Muhammad, it is still more difficult to do so in regard to those women whose intended marriage with him was broken off at various stages before consummation. To the narratives of all such cases a certain degree of doubt attaches, for the relatives of such women would naturally seek to suppress the tradition of such abortive negotiations, as not creditable to them: there seems, in fact, every reason for doubting the details of such cases as mentioned in tradition. Moslim tradition abounds in legends concerning these women, and dwells with delight upon Muhammad's relations with them. When we state that very few indeed of those legends reflect upon him other than what ordinary men would call disgrace, notwithstanding that they were written by his own admirers and adherents, we state what is merely a cold, unvarnished fact. We shall not undertake the recital of such legends, for in so doing we should surely awaken in the minds of his followers emotions of irritation; for, however paradoxical it may seem, a calm and unbiassed inspection of Muhammad's deeds, and a careful analysis of his personal character, are processes which no Moslim can endure without being irritated almost to the point of frenzy. We therefore purposely repress all those inquiries and reflections which evolve themselves out of a study of the above lists, and content ourselves with placing on record the cold facts, which no duly-informed Muhammadan will call in question. The whole subject of Muhammad's relations to his women-folk is so beset with contradiction, that any



man who is possessed of a due regard for matter-of-fact accuracy must feel the extreme delicacy of the position. No account of these ladies has ever yet been prepared which has

met with the good fortune of universal approval; and the result is the same whether the account be prepared by a Moslim or by a non-Moslim.

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#### No. XXXVIII.

In the Elliot MS. Collection, Vol. I., pp. 1 to 7, a copy is given of a long stone-tablet inscription at the temple called Śaṅkha-basti at Lakshmēśwar, the chief town of an outlying Tālukā of the same name of the Mirāj State near the south-east corner of the Dhārwad District. I obtained also a tracing of the inscription by means of a local schoolmaster, and, by comparing this with the MS. copy, have succeeded in making a sufficiently accurate version of the text to edit it. My version may be capable of improvement here and there by personal examination of the original stone. But there are very few doubtful passages involving matters of importance.

The tablet is about 5' 2" high by 2' 3" broad, and contains 82 lines of writing in neatly formed Old Canarese characters of the tenth century A.D. I have no information as to whether there are any emblems at the top of the stone. It includes three separate inscriptions.

*First Part.*—Lines 1 to 51 contain an inscription of the Gaṅga or Koṅga dynasty, which has already been introduced to our notice by Mr. Rice in the Merkāra copper-plates at Vol. I., pp. 360 *et seqq.*, the Nāgamaṅgala copper-plates at Vol. II., pp. 155 *et seqq.*, and the two sets of Mallōhalli copper-plates at Vol. V., pp. 133 *et seqq.*

The grants recorded in it were made by Mārasimhadēva-Satyavākya-Koṅga-nivarmā, also called Gaṅga-Kandarpa, when the Śaka year 890 (A.D. 968-9) had expired, and while the Vibhava *saṁvatsara* was current, to a Jain priest named Jayadēva. According to the *Tables* in Brown's *Carnatic Chronology*, the Vibhava *saṁvatsara* was Śaka 890, and Śaka 891 was the Śukla *saṁvatsara*. The grants were of some lands at the city of Puligere, or 'the city of the tank of the tiger', which, I presume, must be taken as the

ancient name of Lakshmēśwar. They were made for the benefit of a Jain temple, which, being called 'the shrine of Jinēndra of king Gaṅga-Kandarpa', seems to have been founded or restored by Mārasimhadēva himself.

The genealogy is given thus:—

Mādhava-Koṅga-nivarmā  
(or Mādhava I.).

Mādhava II.

Harivarmā.

Mārasimha,  
Mārasimhadēva-Satyavākya-  
Koṅga-nivarmā,  
or Gaṅga-Kandarpa.

As regards the spelling of the subsidiary title or family-name of these kings,—in l. 5 there is no *Anuvāra*, either in the tracing or in the MS. copy, and the vowel of the second syllable is *a* in both, and it reads 'Kogaṇi-varmā.' But in l. 23 the *Anuvāra* is very distinctly legible in the tracing and is also given in the MS. copy, and the vowel of the second syllable is *u* in both, and it reads 'Koṅgaṇi-varmā.' In the four sets of copper-plates the vowel of the second syllable is always *a*, except in the Nāgamaṅgala plates, III. b, l. 7, where, unless there is a fault in the facsimile, it is *u*. In the Merkāra plates, I., l. 4, and II. a, l. 5, the guttural nasal *ṇ* is used, not the *Anuvāra*, and it reads 'Koṅgaṇi.' The same is the case in the Nāgamaṅgala plates,—I., l. 3, where Mr. Rice transliterates 'Kodgaṇi' in error for 'Koṅgaṇi',—and III. b, l. 7, 'Koṅgaṇi' or 'Koṅgaṇi', as the case may be. And the same is the case in the Mallōhalli plates,—in the first set, I. a, l. 3, II. a, l. 4, and III. a, l. 1,—and in the second set, I., l. 4, and III. b, l. 7, though in IV. a, l. 5, the *Anuvāra* is used. In the Nāgamaṅgala plates, II. a,

l. 6, and III. a, l. 4, there is no *Anusvāra* or guttural nasal, and it reads 'Kogapi.' Undoubtedly, either the *Anusvāra*, or the guttural nasal, is required before the *g*, and, when it does not occur, it is omitted through carelessness. Accordingly, I have entered it as a correction in l. 5 of my transcription. As to the vowel of the second syllable, *a* or *u*, it is possibly liable to variation, as is the case in so many Drāviḍian words; and in one instance, referred to more particularly below, it occurs as *i*.

Down to the end of the description of *Harivarmā*, the present inscription follows very closely the wording of the copper-plates, except that the first king is not mentioned in the plates by his name of 'Mādhava.' And there can be no doubt that the first three kings are the same persons who stand first in the genealogy of the plates. *Mārasimha*, the younger brother of *Harivarmā*, is not mentioned in the plates, the direct succession being continued by the son of *Harivarmā*.

Now, however, the ever-recurring question of discrepancy of dates crops up again; and in this instance the discrepancy is a very wide one indeed. The Mallōhalli plates are not dated in any era save that of the reigning king. But the Merkāra plates purport to record a grant of the time of the great-grandson of *Harivarmā*, in the year 388, which is taken by Mr. R. G. Bhāṇḍārkar to be the Śaka year 388. And the Nāgamaṅgala plates purport to record a grant by the eleventh or twelfth in succession to *Harivarmā*, in the Śaka year 698. And, in his paper *On the Inscriptions of Southern India*, of which an abstract is given at p. 38 of the *Report of the Second International Congress of Orientalists*, Prof. Eggeling refers to a copper-plate grant, in the Elliot facsimile collection, of *Arivarmā*,—the *Harivarmā* of the Merkāra, Nāgamaṅgala, and Mallōhalli plates, and of the present inscription,—dated Śaka 169. Whereas, we here find *Harivarmā*'s younger brother making a grant in the Śaka year 890 or 891. And the date, in l. 24, is expressed in words, not in figures, and the words recording it are very distinctly legible in the tracing, though they are omitted in the MS. copy.

I am not prepared at present to suggest any explanation of this discrepancy. But, if the present inscription were a forgery, made in Śaka 890 or 891, the forgers of it would certainly have

given it a much earlier date, and would probably have endeavoured to imitate the more ancient characters. In my opinion, the date of the present inscription is more probable than the date of the Merkāra plates, if it is to be referred to the Śaka era, and than the date of the Nāgamaṅgala plates, which is expressly said to be in the Śaka era.

And we have to notice here three Gaṅga or Koṅgu stone-tablet inscriptions from the Kiggaṭnāḍ forest, published by Mr. Kittel at Vol. VI., pp. 99 *et seqq.* They are inscriptions of *Satyavākya-Koṅguṇivarmā*, or 'Koṅgiṇivarmā', as the name is spelt in one of them, No. I. The same name, 'Satyavākya', is given to the king who stands twenty-sixth in the list made out from the chronicle called *Koṅgudēsa-charitra* and published at Vol. I., p. 361. And *Mārasimhadēva*, again, is called *Satyavākya-Koṅguṇivarmā* in l. 23 of my present inscription. Now, *satya-vākya*, 'of truthful speech', is a title, rather than a proper name. And it does not necessarily follow that *Mārasimhadēva* is the same person as the *Satyavākya* of the Kiggaṭnāḍ inscriptions, or of the traditional, and possibly rather inaccurate, list of the *Koṅgudēsa-charitra*. At the same time, I consider that he is to be identified with the *Satyavākya* of one of the Kiggaṭnāḍ inscriptions. I have seen the photographs of the originals, from which facsimile plates have been prepared; and I consider that they are not to be allotted all to the reign of one and the same *Satyavākya-Koṅguṇivarmā*. One of them, Mr. Kittel's No. III., at p. 103, is entirely undated. In another, No. II., at p. 102b, the date runs:—*Sa(śa)ka-nrip-a(ā)ttā(tā)-kāla-suhvatsaraiṅga[=eṇu-nāz-ombattanoy avarsham=pravaritīsutt-iro, i.e. "while the eight hundred and ninth year, of the years of the era which had expired of the Śaka kings, was current"; and it is further stated to be the eighteenth year of the reign of Satyavākya. This Satyavākya, therefore, commenced to reign in Śaka 791; and it follows that he cannot be the Mārasimhadēva-Satyavākya-Koṅguṇivarmā of my present inscription now published. These two inscriptions, Mr. Kittel's Nos. II. and III., are to be grouped together, the characters of both of them being of the same square and upright type and of the same age. The date of the remaining Kiggaṭ-*



nād inscription, Mr. Kittel's No. I., at p. 102a, is unfortunately somewhat hard to decipher in the photograph, though it would seem to be legible enough on the original stone. So much of it as can be read at first sight runs:—*Sa(ia)ka-ripa-kāḥ-āṭṭa-saṁvatsara-sa(ia)taṅga-  
[a . . . .] aneya* *īvara-saṁvatsarah pravartite*. The vowel attached to the *!* of *īataṅga!*, the *Anuśāstra*, if any, and the following letter, are indistinct, and the second *!* of *īta* in *ītaneya* is effaced. Mr. Kittel proposes to complete the passage by reading either *ombhattaneya*, 'ninth', or *ambhattaneya*, 'eightieth',—it is not quite clear which,—and submits Śaka seven hundred and eighty as the translation. But there is nothing, either in the text, or in his proposed completion of it, to justify 'seven' being taken as the number of the hundreds; and, as he himself points out, the date, even if interpreted thus, does not harmonize with the date of his No. II., as it should if they are both inscriptions of one and the same *Satyavākya*. That supposition, however, is not to be made, and the dates are not to be expected to harmonize in that way. For the characters of this inscription are of a very different standard from those of his Nos. II. and III., being of a round type with a very decided slant to the right, and they belong to a more developed stage of the alphabet. As to the uncertain letters, of which the photograph shows only indistinct traces, we must of necessity read either *īataṅga!*=*ombhattaneya*, 'ninth hundred', or *īataṅga!*=*ambhattaneya*, 'tenth hundred.' It is not likely that the last expression was used; we should rather have the ordinal form of *ondu eṣāra*, 'one thousand', if that were the date to be given. And, as a matter of fact, the indistinct consonant appears to me, as to Mr. Kittel, to be undoubtedly *kh*. Accordingly, I read the entire passage as:—*Sa(ia)ka-ripa-kāḥ-āṭṭa-saṁvatsara-sa(ia)taṅga!*=*ombhat-  
[!]**aneya* *īvara-saṁvatsarah pravartite*, i.e. "the *īvara saṁvatsara*, which was the ninth of the centuries which had expired of the era of the Śaka kings, being current",—*sc.* "the Śaka year 900, the *īvara saṁvatsara*, being current." And, by the *Tables* in Brown's *Carnatic Chronology*, Śaka 899 was the *īvara saṁvatsara*, which is close enough for the purpose. The date of this inscription being thus so near that of the inscription now published

by me, I look upon this *Satyavākya-Koṅgi(a)qivarmā* as in all probability identical with the *Mārasimhadēva-Satyavākya-Koṅgunivarmā* of my inscription.

*Second Part.*—Lines 51 to 61 contain an inscription of the *Sēndra* family.

It commences with the mention of a *Chālukya* king named *Raṇaparākramāṅka*, and his son *Eṇeyya*. Neither of these names has as yet been met with in the genealogy of either the Western or the Eastern *Chalukyas*. But *Raṇaparākramāṅka* is perhaps intended for *Raṇarāga*, the son of *Jayasimha I.*, and the father of *Pulikēśi I.* *Jayasimha I.*, the first of the family in the Dekkan, is occasionally referred to. But I know of only four inscriptions in which the genealogy in a connected form is carried back beyond *Pulikēśi I.*:—1, the *Aihole* stone-tablet at Vol. V., pp. 67 *et seqq.*;—2, the forged or copied copper-plate grant of *Pulikēśi I.* in the British Museum;—3, the *Yēwūr* stone-tablet, of which a copy is given at Vol. I., pp. 258 *et seqq.*, of the Elliot MS. Collection;—and 4, a copper-plate grant of *Jayasimha-Jagadēkamalladēva* from *Miraj*, dated Śaka 946, the *Raktākṣi saṁvatsara*, published by Mr. Wathen in the *Jour. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. II., p. 380, and Vol. III., pp. 258 *et seqq.*;—and we may take it that the information of most people on the subject was only traditional and rather hazy.

It then mentions a certain king *Satyāśraya*. But there is nothing to show which of the several Western *Chalukya* kings who bore that title is intended.

It then mentions, as the contemporary of *Satyāśraya*, king *Durgasakti*,—the son of *Kundaśakti*, who was the son of *Vijayaśakti*,—of the race of the *Sēndra* kings, who belonged to the lineage of the *Bhujagēndras*, i.e. the *Nāga* family.

And it records a grant of land at *Puligere*; by *Durgasakti*, to the *Chaitya* shrine of the god called *Śaṅkha-Jinēndra*.

The inscription is not dated. It is probably one of early date, repeated here for the sake of confirmation or of preservation. I find the *Sēndrakas* referred to in one of my early *Kadamba* copper-plate grants, No. XXVI. of this series, l. 10, at Vol. VI., p. 32, and in l. 3 of a stone-tablet inscription at *Balagāṁve* of

Vinayāditya-Satyāśraya, No. 98 of Major Dixon's Collection.

*Third Part.*—The rest of the tablet, l. 61 to the end, contains an inscription of the Western Chalukya Vikramāditya II. It is dated in the second year of his reign, when the Śaka year 656 (A.D. 734-5) had expired, and must consequently have been copied here from a previous stone-tablet or copper-plate, for the sake of confirmation or of preservation. It is issued from his victorious camp at Raktapura, a city which I cannot identify.

It records that the. Śaṅkhatīrtha-

vasati of the city of Pulikara,—the Puligere of the preceding two inscriptions,—and the temple called 'the white Jindlaya', were embellished and repaired, and that certain land was given for maintaining the worship of Jina.

In its genealogical portion, it agrees with the Western Chalukya inscriptions published by me, Nos. XXVII. to XXXI. of this series, in Vol. V., and it carries the genealogy two steps further, in the persons of Vijayāditya and Vikramāditya II., the son and grandson of Vinayāditya.

*Transcription.*

- [<sup>1</sup>] Śrīmat-parama-gaṁbhīra-syādvād-āmōgha-lāncchanam jīyā(yāt)=traiḷōkya-nāthasya āśanam  
 [<sup>2</sup>] Jina-āśanam || Svasti Jitam bhagavatā gata-ghana-gagan-ābhōna Padmanā-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] bhōna [[\*<sup>1</sup>] Śrīmaj-Jāhnavē(vī)ya-kuḷ-āmaḷa-vyōm-āvabhāṣana-bhāskarāḥ sva-khaḍg-aika-  
 prahāra-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] khaḍḍita-mahā-śiḥastambha-labdha-bala-parākrāmō dāraṇ-āri-gaṇa-vidāraṇ-ōpalabdha-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] bra(vra)ṇa-vibhūṣaṇa-vibhūṣitaḥ Kaṇṇā(nvā)yana-sagōtraḥ śrīmān Ko(kom\*)gaṇivarmma-  
 dharmamahārāj-  
 [<sup>6</sup>] j-ādhirāja-paramēśvara-Śrī-Mādhava-prathama-nāmadhēyaḥ || Tat-putraḥ pitur-anvāgata-  
 guṇayuktō  
 [<sup>7</sup>] vidyā-vinaya-vihita-vṛittaḥ samyak-prajā-pālana-mātr-ādhipata-rājya-prayōjanō vidvat-kavi-  
 kāmchana-ni-  
 [<sup>8</sup>] kash-ōpala-bhūtā(tō) nīti-śāstrasya vaktrī-prayōktrī-kuśalō dattaka-sūtra-vṛittēḥ=pranētā  
 śrīmān=Mādhava-mahā-  
 [<sup>9</sup>] rāj-ādhirājaḥ || Tat-putraḥ pitṛi-pai(pi)tāmaha-guṇa-yuktā(ktō) nēka-chā(cha)turddanta-  
 yuddh-āvāpta-chatur-udadhi-saḥjī-āsvādita-ya-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] śāḥ śrīmad-Dharivarmma-mahārāj-ādhirājaḥ || Api cha || Vṛitta || Āstj-jagad-gahana-  
 rakshaṇa-rāja-simhaḥ karmā-maṇḍal-ābja-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] vana-maṇḍana-rājahamṣaḥ | Śrī-Mārasimha iti bṛimhita-bāhu-kīrttiḥ=tasy-ānujaḥ Kṛita-  
 yuga-kahitipāla-ki-  
 [<sup>12</sup>] rtiḥ || Ādēśād=dēva Chōḷ-āntaka-dharaṇipatēr=Gaṁga-chūḍāmaṇis=tvāṁ vēgād=abhyēti  
 yōddhuṁ tyaja gaja-turaga-vyūha-sannā-  
 [<sup>13</sup>] ha-darppam Gaṁgām=uttīrya gantum para-balam=stuḷam kalpay=ēty-āpa dūtair-vvijñaptam  
 Gūrjjarānām patir=akṛiti tathā yatra  
 [<sup>14</sup>] jaitra-prayāṇō || Pād-āmbhōruha-bhṛīmga-bhṛitya-bharaṇa-vyāpāra-chintāmaṇiḥ samtrāsa-  
 graha-vihva||kṛita-ripu-karmā-  
 [<sup>15</sup>] pāla-rakshāmaṇiḥ vidvat-kaṇṭha-vibhūṣaṇakṛita-guṇa-prōdbhāmi-muktāmaṇir=ddēvas=saj-  
 jana-varaṇṇaniya-charita-Śrī-Gaṁga-chūḍā-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] maṇiḥ || Mandākinyā Jinēndra-snapana-vidhi-payas-syanda-sampādītāyāḥ Kāḷīndyās=chaṇḍa-  
 vairi-prahata-gaja-mada-āvēta-nirvartitāyāḥ  
 [<sup>17</sup>] sambhōdō Śrī-nikēt-āṁgaṇa-bhavi bhavatō Gaṁga-Kaṁdarppa-bhūpa-vyātanyō<sup>2</sup> dig-vadhū-  
 nām vidhu-vijayi yasō hāram=ā-chaṁdra-tāraṁ ||  
 [<sup>18</sup>] Api cha || Vṛitta || Nirvvād-ōjva(jjva)ja-bōdha-pōta-baḷata=siddhānta-ratnākaraṁ chāritr-  
 ōtpluta-yānapātra-baḷata=samsāra-minākaraḥ  
 [<sup>19</sup>] uttīrṇas=samudīrṇa-bhakti-vinatair=vvāmdy-ābhidhānō budhair=āsīd=ōvagaṇ-āgrajir=  
 ggaṇa-nidhir=Ddēvēndra-bhaṭṭārakaḥ || Uddāma-

<sup>1</sup> See note 2 to Inscription No. XXXV., p. 83.

<sup>2</sup> See para. 6 of the introductory remarks.

<sup>3</sup> The correct reading should probably be 'bhāpasy-ānta'.



- [<sup>20</sup>] kâma-kâlî-nirddalan-aika-viras=tasy=Aikadêva iti yôgiśha dēva śkaḥ śiśyô babhūva kṛpā  
yasya dadhāti bhavyô
- [<sup>21</sup>] ratna-trayaṁ śirasi yach-charaṇa-dvayaṁ cha || Mahiṁsya tasya mahimā-mamahatām prathā-  
masya cha prathama-śiśyatayā Jayā-
- [<sup>22</sup>] dēva-paṇḍita iti prathitah prathamāna-śāstra-mahima-draviṇah | Api cha || Gadya || Tasmā  
sa bhuvan-aika-maṅga-Jinēndra-nity-ābhishh-
- [<sup>23</sup>] ka-ratna-kalaśah sa tu Satyavākya-Koṅguṇivarmma-dharmamamahārāj-ādhirāja-paramēśvara-  
Śrī-Mārasimhadēva-prathama-nāmadhēyah Gaṅga-
- [<sup>24</sup>] Kandarppah || \* Śaka-nripa-kā-ātma-samvatsara-satśhv=aśhasu navaty-uttarēshu\* pravartan-  
mānō Vibhava-samvatsarē Saṁkhavasati-Tṛtthavasati-maṇḍala-maṇḍa-
- [<sup>25</sup>] nasya Gaṅga-Kandarppa-Jinēndra-mandirasya dāna-pūjā-dēva-bhōga-nimittam Puligere-  
nagarāt=pūrvvasyām diśi tala-vṛttim dattē sma ||\* Tasyās=śimā
- [<sup>26</sup>] samākhyāyatē tad=yathā | Kumāri-sarasaḥ=pūrvvasyām=śāyām=śka-nivartan-āntarād=apala-  
yugalād=dakṣiṇa-
- [<sup>27</sup>] syām diśi Belkaur-grāma-pāschima-simnah=pāvaka-diśi Kōśi-tatāka-purō-varttinā=śiḷi-  
sarasas=samūtrāṇa-dik-kā(kō)ṇō hanti-prastarāt=pāschimasyām
- [<sup>28</sup>] diśi vata-tatāka-purō-nikāṣa-nimn-ōttara-dig-varttinah kṛishṇa-pāshāpād=uttarasām diśi  
Nāgapura-grāma-mārggād=dakṣiṇasyām=di-
- [<sup>29</sup>] śāyām Maḷigamārttaṇḍa-griha-kahōtrād=aiśānyām=diśāyām=āṇḷa-śiḷyāḥ=punah=pāschima-  
syām diśi Kṛishṇa-sarasa uttara-jala-pra-
- [<sup>30</sup>] vāha-nirggamād=uttarasām diśi Nīlikāra-tatāka-āgala-pravāhād=uttarasām=āśāyām=śka-  
nivartan-āntarē vāyavya-dik-kōṇa-vartti-
- [<sup>31</sup>] [rakta-pāshāṇa-pārśva-varttināyās=śamyāḥ | pūrvva-dig-mukhōn=āgaty=ōtkirṇād=aruṇa-  
pāshāṇān=Nāgapura-grāma-mārggasy=ōttara-pārśvō pūrvva-
- [<sup>32</sup>] dig-mukhōna gatv=ōttara-diśam prati nivṛttāt=pāschima-diśāyām=śka-nivartan-āntarē pūrvv-  
ōttara-diśi kṛishṇa-pāshāpād=dakṣiṇasyām=āś-
- [<sup>33</sup>] yām śami-kanthāri-gulm-āntarggat-āṇḷa-śiḷyāḥ=pāschimatā(tah) par-ōkta-vyakta-  
pāshāṇa-yugalē samgatā śimā ||\* Prāk-prakāśita-Kṛishṇa-sarasaḥ po-
- [<sup>34</sup>] rō-bhāga-varttini śhaṇ=nivarttanāny=abhyantari-kṛitya sushhī(śhī)-kṛitāni śhaṣṭi-śatam  
nivarttanāni || Tasmād=ōva nagarād=Varuṇa-dig-bhāga-varttināyās=ta-
- [<sup>35</sup>] la-vṛttēs=śimā samāmnāyatē tad=yathā | Dēsa-grāma-kūṭa-kahōtrād=vāyā(ya)vyāyām  
kakubhi tri-śami-rakt-ōpaḷād=vāyā(ya)vyāyām=ā-
- [<sup>36</sup>] śāyām=śka-śamyā Akhaṇ[ḍa\*]la-diśāyām=śka-ḍaṇḍ-āntarād=aruṇa-pāshāpād=āgnēya-kōṇa-  
varttinō viśḷa-śami-kanthāri-jālāt=pāschimasyā-
- [<sup>37</sup>] n=diśi śrēṣṭhi-tatāka-dakṣiṇa-jala-pravāha-nirggamād=Vallabharāja-mārggāt=pūrvvasyām=  
āśāyām kanthāri-gulmāt=Savasi-grāma-mārggād=dakṣiṇanta-
- [<sup>38</sup>] ś=śami-kanthāri-kūṇjāt=Kubēra-kakubhō vāyavyāyām=āśāyām Jyēsthalinga-bhūmi(mōr)=  
maṣṭirri<sup>2</sup>tyām hari(ri)ti kṛishṇa-pāshāpāt=pūrvvasyām diśi Valla-
- [<sup>39</sup>] bharāja-mārggāt=pāschimasyām=āśāyām=uttara-dig-mukha-pravṛtta-mahā-pravāh-āntarggata-  
Kinnara-pāshāpād=dakṣiṇasyām=diśāyām=Andhakā-
- [<sup>40</sup>] ra-kshōtrāt=pāschima-simni prāk-prakāṭikṛitād=dēsa-grāma-kūṭa-kahōtrād=vāyavyāyām diśi  
tri-śami-sōṇa-pāshāpē śimā samgatā | Evam pāschima-
- [<sup>41</sup>] dig-varttini chatvāriṁśach-ehhataṁ nivarttanāni || Saṁkha-vasatēr=Vāsava-diśi nivarttana-  
mātrah puṅpa-vāṭah=pāschima-diśi cha nivarttana-dvaya-dvayadō(?) puṅpa-vāṭah || Tasya chaityā-
- [<sup>42</sup>] layneya pura-pramāṇam=ākhyāyatē ||\* Pūrvvataḥ Bālabēśvara-pāschima-prākārah pāvaka-  
diśi Chammakāra-dēva-griha-simantam ||\* Tat-pāschimataḥ |
- [<sup>43</sup>] Vārī-vāraṇa-śimām kṛitvā dakṣiṇasyām=diśi puṅpa-vāṭ-Ām(?)ga(?)ja-chaitya-pura-pura(rah)-  
Śrī-Mukkara-vasatēḥ pāschimasyām diśi gōpura-paryantāt pāschima-dig-vartti-dē-

\* For some reason or other the words *satśho-aśhasu* navaty-uttarēshu are omitted in the MS. copy, a blank space being left as if they were illegible or doubtful, and *Prabhava-samvatsarē* is read instead of *Vibhava-sam-*

vatsarē. But in the tracing every letter of the whole passage is perfectly clear and is indubitably just as transcribed by me.

<sup>2</sup> This syllable, —ri, —is superfluous.

- [<sup>64</sup>] va-griha-dvayam=abhyantari-kṛitya Marudēvi-dēva-grihasya paśchād-bhāgād=uttarasya<sup>am</sup> diśi Chāndrikāmbikā-dēva-grihāt=pūrvvataḥ Makkara-yasatiṁ
- [<sup>65</sup>] pravāhīti-kṛitya Rāyarāchamalla-yasatiṁ(ti)-dakṣhiṇa-prākārah tataḥ pūrvvataḥ Śrī-Vijaya-vasati-dakṣhiṇa-prākārah i(ai)sānyām di-
- [<sup>66</sup>] śi Karmatēśvara-dēva-griham tad-dakṣhiṇataḥ pūrvv-ōkta-Bālabēśvara-paśchīma-simā [<sup>67</sup>] Dēva-nagarāt=paśchima-diśi puṣpa-vāta-dvaya-nivartana-kṣhētram dattam ||<sup>\*</sup>
- [<sup>67</sup>] Tasya simā prithāk-kri(kṛi)yatē [<sup>68</sup>] Parava-sarasaḥ pūrvva-diśi Tapasi-grāma-pathād=uttaratō puṣpa-vāta-nivarttanam=ōkam | Gaṅga-Permmāḍi-chaitya-
- [<sup>69</sup>] laya-puṣpa-vātād=uttaratō nivarttanam=ōkam nāga-valli-vannam | Eṣam Gaṅga-Kandarppa-bhūpāla-Jinēndra-mandira-dēva-bhōga-nimittam nivarttana-ēata-traya-mātra-kṣhē-
- [<sup>70</sup>] tram puṣpa-vāta-trayam=urvvīśa-dēsa-grāma-kūṭ-ākāra-viṣhti-prabhṛiti-bādhā-parihāram manō-haram=idam || Ślōka || Bahubair=vvasudhā dattā rājabbis=Sagar-ā-
- [<sup>71</sup>] dibhiḥ yasya yasya yadā bhūmis=tasya tasya tadā phalam || Mad-vaṁśa-jā(jāḥ) para-mahīpati-vaṁśa-jā vā pāpād=apēta-manasō bhavi bhāvi-bhūpāḥ yē pālaya-
- [<sup>72</sup>] nti mama dharmmam=ipaṁ samastam tēshām mayā virachitō=mjajir=ēsha mūrḍhni ||<sup>\*</sup>
- Jayaty=atiśaya-Jinair=bbhāsuras=sura-vanditaḥ śrīmān=Jina-patis=śrīstīr=ā-
- [<sup>73</sup>] dēh kartā day-ōdayaḥ || Dehahisari<sup>6</sup> || Chālukya-prithivīvallabha-kula-tīlakēshu babushv=atitēshu Rāmaparākramāṅka-mahārājō bhavat=tad-rā-
- [<sup>74</sup>] ja-tanayaḥ rājita-nayō vivarddhit-aśvaryaś=chatus-samudrāṁṭa-anūta-turāṁg-ēbha-padāti-sūnū-samūhah Eṣeṣya-nāmadhēyaḥ śrīmān ||
- [<sup>75</sup>] Api cha || Śāsat=īmām samudr-āntām vasudhām vasudh-ādhipē | Satyāśraya-mahārājō rājat-satya-samanvitō || Bhujagēndr-ānvaya-Sēndr-āvanāṁdra-santātau
- [<sup>76</sup>] anōka-nṛipa-sattamēshv=atitēshu tat-kula-gagana-chāndramāḥ bahu-samara-vijaya-labdhā-patāk-āvabhāsita-dig-anturāḥ-vaḥayaḥ Vijayaśaktir=nnāma nṛipatir=bba-
- [<sup>77</sup>] bhūva [<sup>78</sup>] Tat-sūnur=udita-tarāṇa-divākara-kara-sama-prabhah sau(śau)ryya-dhairyya-satva-guṇ-ōpapaṇṇaḥ sāmanta-bṛi(vṛi)nda-mauli-māl-avalīdha-charaṇaḥ Ku'ndaśa-
- [<sup>79</sup>] ktir=nnāma rāj=ābhūt=tasya priya-tanayaḥ || Advitiya-purushakāra-samipannaḥ | dharmu-ārttha-kāma-pradhānaḥ anōka-raṇa-vijaya-vira-patāk-āgrahaṇ-ō-
- [<sup>80</sup>] ddhata-kirttiḥ [<sup>81</sup>] Tēna Durggaśakti-nāmadhēyēna Śaṁkha-Jinēndra-chaitya-nitya-pūj-ārttham puṇy-ābhivṛiddhayō cha | Puligere-nāma-nagarasy=ōttara-pārsvō paṁchāsān-nivarttana-parimā-
- [<sup>82</sup>] ṇa-kṣhētram dattam || Tasya simā samākhyāyatō [<sup>83</sup>] Pūrvvataḥ Kinnari-kṣhētram | pāvaka-diśi Jyēṣṭhalinga-bhūmih | dakṣhiṇataḥ Ghatikā-kṣhētram | nairṛityām diśi Dām(?)paṁ-
- [<sup>84</sup>] dīsa(śa)-īrōṣṭhi-bhūmih paśchimataḥ Rāmēśvara-kṣhētram vāyavyām Hōbesvara-kṣhētram | uttarataḥ Sindēśvara-kṣhētram i(ai)sānyām diśi Bhatṭāri-kṣhētram | tad-dakṣhiṇataḥ pūrvv-ōkta-Kinna-
- [<sup>85</sup>] ri-kṣhētram || Dēva-svām viśam lōkēna viśam na viśam=uchyatō | viśam=ēkākinaṁ hanti dēva-svām putra-patrikaṁ || Svasti [<sup>86</sup>] Jayaty=āviḥkṛitam Viṣṇōr=vvārāham kṣhōbhi-
- [<sup>87</sup>] t-ārṇavam dakṣhiṇ-ōnnata-damēṣṭr-āgra-viśānta-bbuvanaṁ vapah || Śrīmatām sakula-bhuvana-samstūyamāṇa-Mānavya-sagōtrāṇām Hārīti-putrāṇām sapta-lō-
- [<sup>88</sup>] ka-mātribhiḥ sapta-mātribhir=abhivarddhitanām Kārttikēya-parirakṣhaṇa-prāpta-kalyāṇa-parasūparāṇām bhagavan-Nārāyaṇa-prasāda-samāsādita-varāha-lām-
- [<sup>89</sup>] chohha(ohha)n-ēkṣhaṇa-vaśīkṛit-īśēṣha-mahābhṛitām Chālukyānām kulām=alāmkarishṇōr=āsvamēdh-āvabhṛitha-snāna-pavitrīkṛita-gātrasya Śrī-Polikēśivallabha-mahārā-
- [<sup>90</sup>] jasya priya-sūnuḥ Śrī-Kirttivarunma-prithivīvallabha-mahārājas-tasy-ātmajasya Satyāśraya-śrī-prithivīvallabha-mahārāj-ādhirāja-paramē-
- [<sup>91</sup>] śvarasya priya-tanayaḥ(yasya) prabhāva-kulīsa-dalīta-Pāṁdya-Chōḷa-Kēraḷa-Kadamba-prabhṛiti-bhūbhṛid-udagra-vibhramasya nity-āvanata-Kāṁchi-pati-makūṭa-chumbita-pā-

<sup>\*</sup> These letters are unintelligible. The MS. copy reads *dhahē spasti*, of which the first word is equally unintelligible.

<sup>6</sup> This is the reading of the MS. copy. In the tracing

the first letter is rather uncertain, and might stand for *ma* as much as for *ku*.

<sup>7</sup> From here down to *priya-sūnuḥ*(uḥ), inclusive, in l. 97, is omitted altogether in the MS. copy.



- [<sup>67</sup>] d-āmbujasya Vikramāditya-Satyāśraya-śrī-prithivīvallabha-mahārāj-ādhirāja-paramēśvarasya  
priya-sūnuḥ (nōḥ) sakal-ōtarāpātha-nātha-mathan-ōpārjita-pāli-
- [<sup>68</sup>] dhvaj-ādi-samesta-pāramaiśvaryya-chihnasya Vinayāditya-Satyāśraya-śrī-prithivīvallabha-  
mahārāj-ādhirāja-paramēśvara-paramabhaṭṭarakasya priy-ātmanajā sā-
- [<sup>69</sup>] hasa-rasa-rasikāḥ parāmukhikṛita-śatra-maṇḍaḥas-sakala-pāramaiśvaryya-vyakti-hēta-pāli-  
dhvaj-ādy-ajva(jiva)la-rājya-chihnō Vijayādi-
- [<sup>70</sup>] tya-Satyāśraya-śrī-prithivīvallabha-mahārāj-ādhirāja(jah) [||\*] [Tat\*]-priya-sūnōḥ pratiḍina-  
pravarddhamāna-yā(ya)vanō(nasya) ripu-maṇḍal-ākraṇti-rājy-ābhyanudayaḥ(yasya)
- [<sup>71</sup>] kastūri-kiśōra-vikram-aika-rasō(sasya) Vikramāditya-Satyāśraya-śrī-prithivīvallabha-mahārāj-  
ādhirāja-paramēśvara-bhaṭṭarakasya vijaya-akandhāvārō Raktapuram-adhivasa-
- [<sup>72</sup>] ti shat-pañchāśad-uttara-shat-chhatōsha Śaka-varahēshv-atiśēshu\* pravarddhamāna-vijaya-  
rājya-saṁvatsarō dvitīyō varṭamānō Māgha-purnamāsyām Mūlasantigh-ānva-
- [<sup>73</sup>] ya-Dēvagan-ōditaly(tāya) parama-tapa(pah)-śruta-mūrti-viśō(śō)ka-Rāmadēvāchāryya<sup>10</sup>.  
śiśhyō(śhyāya) vijita-vipaksha-vādi-Jayadēva-paṇḍit-āntēvāsi(sinē) samapagat-aikavā-
- [<sup>74</sup>] ditv-ādi-Śrī-Vijayadēva-paṇḍit-āchāryyāya Jina-pūj-ābhividyādy-artītham Bāhubali-śrēṣṭhī-  
vijñāpanēna Pubikara-nagarasya Śaṁkha-Tīrtha-vasatē-maṇḍana-maṇḍitam
- [<sup>75</sup>] tasya dhavaḷa-Jinālayasya jīrṇ-ōddharanam kṛitvā khaṇḍa-sphuṭita-nava-saṁskāra-bali-  
nimittam dāna-śil-ādi-pravarttan-ārtham nagarīd-uttarasām diśi garyūti-pramā-
- [<sup>76</sup>] ṇa-vyavasthitam Karppati-tatākād-dakṣhiṇasyām diśi rāja-mānēna śat-ārddha-nivarttana-  
pramāṇa-kṣētram sarva-bādhā-parihāram dattam [||\*] Tasya sīmā samākhyāyatō [1\*]
- [<sup>77</sup>] Pārva-diśi tat-sādhita-Kinnara-pāshāpād-dakṣhiṇasyām-śilāyām dhavaḷa-pāshāpa-parēva-  
śamyah | pāśchimasyām diśi śveta-pāshāpād-ōka-samā uttarasyām
- [<sup>78</sup>] diśi śūḷa-pāshāpāt-prāk-prakāśita-tatākāt-pūrvvasyām diśi aruṇa-pāshāpāt-pūrvv-ōkta-  
vyakta-Kinnara-pāshāpa-saṁgatā sīmā ||
- [<sup>79</sup>] Svām dātum su-mahach-ōbhakyaṁ dāḷkham-anyaṣya pālanam dānāt-pālanach-ōb-ōti<sup>11</sup>  
dānach-ōbhēryō nupālanam || Na visham visham-ity-āhuḥ dē-
- [<sup>80</sup>] va-svām visham-uchyatō visham-ēkākinaṁ hanti dēva-svām putra-pautrikam || Sva-dattam  
para-dattam vā yō
- [<sup>81</sup>] harēta vasuḍdharām ahaṣṭi-varuṇa-sahasrāṇi viśṭbhāyām jāyatō krimiḥ ||
- [<sup>82</sup>] Prathyatām Jina-śāsanam [||\*]

## Translation.

First Part, Lines 1 to 51. May the scripture of the lord of the three worlds,—the scripture of Jina, which has for its efficacious characteristic the glorious and supreme and profound science of the assertion of possibilities,—be victorious!

Hail! Victory has been achieved by the holy one, Pādmanābha,<sup>12</sup> who resembles (in the colour of his body) the sky when the clouds have left it!

A sun to irradiate the clear sky which is the glorious family of Jāhnavā<sup>13</sup>; possessed of (a reputation for) strength and prowess acquired by cleaving asunder a great pillar of stone by a single stroke of his sword; decorated with

ornaments which were the wounds sustained in massacring the forces of his pitiless enemies; belonging to the lineage of the Kaṇvāyanas<sup>14</sup>; (such was) the glorious Koṅgaṇivarmā, the pious Great King, the supreme king, the supreme lord, whose first name was Śrī-Mādhava.

His son (was) the glorious Mādhava, the Great King, the supreme king,—who was possessed of virtuous qualities that imitated (those of) his father; whose conduct was regulated by knowledge and modesty; who attained the objects of sovereignty only by properly governing his subjects; who was a very touchstone for (testing) the gold which was learned men and poets; who was skilled among those who

\* Here, again, for some reason or other, the words shat-pañchāśad-uttara-shat-chhatōsha Śaka-varahēshv-atiśēshu are omitted in the MS. copy, a blank space being left as if they were illegible or doubtful, and pravarddhamāna-vijaya-saṁvatsarō is read instead of pravarddhamāna-vijaya-rājya-saṁvatsarō. But in the tracing every letter of the whole passage is perfectly legible.

<sup>10</sup> The MS. copy reads Rāmadēvāchāryyādēś(sinē) Jina-

pūj-ābhividyādy-artītham &c., as in l. 74, and omits all the intervening matter.

<sup>11</sup> i.e., dānāt ed pālanam ch-ōti.

<sup>12</sup> The name of an Arhat,—also of Vishva.

<sup>13</sup> Vīramitra.

<sup>14</sup> The descendants of Kaṇva, who was the son of Ghōra and belonged to the family of Aśvins.

pronounce and those who apply the science of polity; and who was the promulgator of a treatise on the law of adoption.

His son (*was*) the glorious Harivarmā, the Great King, the supreme king,—who was possessed of the virtuous qualities of his father and his father's father; and whose fame was flavoured with the waters of the four oceans, (*the sovereignty of*) which he had acquired in many battles (*in which use was made*) of elephants.<sup>14</sup>

Moreover:—His younger brother was Śrī-Mārasimha,—who was a very lion of a king in guarding the thicket which was the world; who was a very royal swan (*of a king*) in adorning the lotus-pool which was the circle of the earth; the fame of whose (*strength of*) arm was great; and who had a reputation (*equal to that*) of a king of the Kṛitāge. At his victorious journeying forth, the lord of the Gūrjāras received a rough<sup>15</sup> command from messengers:—"O Sir!; at the order of the king<sup>16</sup> who destroyed the Chōlas, the chief of the Gaṅgas comes quickly against thee; cease to fight with the unequalled force of (*thy*) enemy, which possesses the pride of the array and accoutrements of elephants and horses, and prepare to depart across the (*river*) Gaṅgā." A very philosopher's stone in supporting his servants, who were as bees at the lotuses which were his feet; a very amulet of protection against the hostile kings, who were disquieted by the apprehension of fear; a very pearl to make lustrous the virtuous qualities that were the ornaments of the throats of learned men; divine; performing achievements that were worthy to be praised by good people;—(*such was he*), the chief of the Gaṅgas. When he was staying in the courtyard of the habitation of the goddess of fortune, at the confluence of the Mandākinī<sup>17</sup>, which was produced by the trickling of the water (*used*) in the rite of ablution of Jinendra, and of the Kālinḍī, which was made to cease to be white by the rut of the wounded elephants of his fierce enemies,—the fame of the king Gaṅga-Kandarpa, which surpassed the moon (*in the purity of its lustre*), spread abroad as a

necklace for the women which are the distant regions, so as to last as long as the moon and stars might endure.

And again:—There was the venerable Dêvendra, the receptacle of virtuous qualities, the leader of the sect called Dêvagaṇa,—who traversed the ocean of the Siddhanta by the strength of his boat which was his knowledge that shone in deciding controversies, and the ocean of worldly existence by the strength of the boat which was the excellent result of his good behaviour; and whose name was worthy to be praised by learned people, who bowed down to his devotion when it was declared.

His sole disciple was Ēkadêva, a very god among ascetics, preëminently brave in destroying the demon of unbridled lust; (*every*) worthy person bears his *ratnatraya*<sup>18</sup> in his heart, and takes his feet upon his head.

The wise man Jayadêva, who possessed the wealth of the scriptures, which are extolled, was celebrated by being the first disciple of him, who was honoured by honourable ones, and who was the foremost of great people.

And again:—Eight centuries of years and ninety (*years*) having expired in the era of the Śaka kings, while the Vibhava *samvatsara* was current,—he, Gaṅga-Kandarpa,—who was a very jewelled pitcher wherewith to perpetually besprinkle Jinendra, who is the most auspicious (*god*) in the world; (*who was called*) Satyavākya-Koṅguivarmā, the pious Great King, the supreme king, the supreme lord; and who had the first name of Śrī-Mārasimhadêva,—gave to him a plot of ground, to the east of the city of Pāligeri, for the purposes of the charity and the worship and the enjoyment of the god of the shrine of Jinendra of Gaṅga-Kandarpa, which is the ornament of the circuit of the temples called Śāṅkhavasati and Tīrthavasati.

The boundaries of it are described, as follows:—On the east of the lake of Kumārī, there are two stones at the distance of one *nivartana*. On the south of them, there is the western boundary of the village of Belkanūr. On the south-east of that, there is the 'lake of

<sup>14</sup> *Chaturdanta*, 'having four tusks', is an epithet of *Airāvata*, the elephant of Indra, but seems here to mean elephants in general.

<sup>15</sup> *Akrutā*, 'clumsy, uncouth.'

<sup>17</sup> Probably Harivarmā.

<sup>18</sup> The *Gaṅgā*, or Ganges.

<sup>19</sup> The 'jewel-triad,' or three excellent things of Jainism, viz.—1, *samyak-chāritra*, correct conduct; 2, *samyag-jñāna*, complete knowledge; and 3, *samyag-darśana*, accurate perception.



the stones,' in front of the (*tank called*) Kôśi-tatāka. At the north-west corner of that, there is the littering-place for elephants. On the west of that, there is a dark-blue stone, on the north of the depression in the ground which is close in front of the 'tank of the sacred fig-tree.' On the north of that, there is the road to the village of Nāgapura. On the south of that, there is the field of the house of Maṇiga'mārtanḍa. On the north-east of that, there is a slightly blue-black stone. Again on the west of that, there is the north outlet for water of the tank of Kṛishṇa. On the north of that, there is the stream that joins the tank of Nīlikāra. On the north of that, there is a Śamī tree, beside a red stone which is in the north-west quarter at the distance of one *nivartana*. Coming to the east from that, and going to the east on the north side of the road to the village of Nāgapura from the (above-) mentioned red stone, and turning towards the north, on the west, at the distance of one *nivartana*, there is a dark-blue stone in the north-east quarter. On the south of that, there is a slightly blue-black stone in a clump of Śamī trees and Kanthāri trees. On the west of that, the boundary joins at the two stones first mentioned and specified. Having included six *nivartanas* (of land) lying in front of the lake of Kṛishṇa, one hundred and sixty *nivartanas* were excellently laid out (and thus given).

The boundaries are recorded, as follows, of a plot of ground on the west of that same city:—On the north-west of the (*field called*) Dēśagrāmakūṭa-kshētra, there is a red stone near three Śamī trees. On the north-west of that, there is one Śamī tree. On the east of that, at the distance of one *daṇḍa*<sup>10</sup>, there is a red stone. On the south-east of that, there is a large clump of Śamī trees and Kanthāri trees. On the south of that, there are the southern outlet of water of the 'tank of the merchant' and the road of Vallabharāja. On the east of these, there is a clump of Kanthāri trees, and the road to the village of Savasi. On the south of these, there is a clump of Śamī trees and Kanthāri trees. On the north-west of the north of this, there is the land of Jyēshṭhalinga. On the south-west of this, there is a dark-blue stone.

On the east of this, there is the road of Vallabharāja. On the west of this, there is the 'stone of the Kinnara', in the large stream that flows to the north. On the south of this, there is the field of Andhakāra. On the west of this, there is the (*field called*) Dēśagrāmakūṭa-kshētra, which has been already specified. On the north-west of this, the boundary joins at the red stone near the three Śamī trees. Thus (there were given) one hundred and forty *nivartanas* in the western quarter.

On the east of the Śaṅkhavasati, (there was given) a flower-garden measuring one *nivartana*; and on the west, a flower-garden measuring two *nivartanas*.

The measure of the city of that same Chaitya hall is declared:—On the east, the west wall of the enclosure of (the temple of the god) Bālabhēśvara. On the south-east, the boundary of the temple of the god Charmakāra.<sup>11</sup> On the west of that, on the south of the boundary of the enclosure of the harlots, there is the (*temple called*) Śrī-Mukkaravasati, in front of the flower-garden and the city, of the Chaitya of Aṅgaja (?). On the west of this, there is the back of the temple of (the goddess) Marudēvi, including two temples lying in the west quarter, as far as the ornamental gateway. On the north of that, there is the temple of (the goddess) Chandrikāmbikā. On the east of that, having entered the (*temple called*) Mukkaravasati, there is the south wall of the enclosure of the (*temple called*) Rāyarāchamalla-vasati. On the east of that, there is the south wall of the (*temple called*) Śrī-Vijayavasati. On the north-east, there is the temple of (the god) Karmaṭēśvara. On the south of that, there is the previously mentioned west boundary of (the temple of the god) Bālabhēśvara.

On the west of the city of the god, there was given a field measuring one *nivartana* and including two flower-gardens. The boundaries of it are specified:—One *nivartana* of flower-garden, on the east of the Paruva lake, and on the north of the road to the village of Tapasi; (and) a betel-nut plantation of one *nivartana*, on the north of the flower-garden of the Chaitya hall of Gaṅga-Permāḍi.

Thus (there were given), for the enjoyment of

<sup>10</sup> Lit. 'a staff'; = 4 hastas, or cubits; = 96 finger-breadths.

<sup>11</sup> Or 'of the god of the workers in leather.'

the god of the temple of Jinendra of king Gaṅga-Kandarpa, a field of the measure of three hundred *nivartanas*, (and) three flower-gardens, free from the hereditary perquisites of the king and the country and the villages, and forced labour, and other dues. This is pleasing!

Land has been given by many kings, commencing with Sagara; he, who for the time being possesses land, enjoys the benefits of it! Those future kings, whether born in my lineage or in the lineage of other kings, who, with minds free from sin, preserve this my act of piety in its integrity,—to them I join my hands on my forehead (*in respectful salutation*)!

*Second Part.—Lines 51-61.*

Victorious is Jinapati, who is resplendent with (*attendant*) Jinas, possessed of superhuman powers; who is praised by the gods; who is the maker of the first creation; and who displays tenderness! . . . . .<sup>22</sup>

Many ornaments of the family of the Chālukyas, who are the favourites of the world, having passed away,—there was the Great King Raṇaparaśramāka.

The son of that king was the glorious Ereyya, who was possessed of brilliant statesmanship; whose dominion was increased; and whose array of horses and elephants and troops of foot-soldiers was bathed at the margins of the four oceans.

Moreover:—While the Great King Satyāśraya, the lord of the earth, possessed of brilliant truth, was ruling this earth, which is bounded by the ocean;—

Many most excellent kings having passed away in the race of the Śēndrakings, who are of the lineage of the Bhujagēndras<sup>23</sup>, there was the king Vijayaśakti, who was the moon of the sky which was that family, and who irradiated the circuit of the regions with the banners that he had obtained by victory in many battles.

His son was the king Kundaśakti, who was as lustrous as the rays of the (*newly*) risen morning sun; who was endowed with the qualities of bravery and steadfastness and courage; and whose feet were touched<sup>24</sup> by the garlands on the tiaras of the crowd of chieftains (*who bowed down before him*).

His dear son was he who was possessed of unequalled manliness; who abounded in religion and wealth and pleasure; and whose fame was heightened by capturing the banners of heroes through victory in many wars.

By him, named Dargaśakti, a field of the measure of fifty *nivartanas*, on the north side of the city of Puligera, was given for the purposes of the perpetual worship of the *Chaitya* of Śaṅkha-Jinendra, and in order to increase his religious merit.

The boundaries of it are declared:—On the east, (*the field called*) Kinnari-kshētra; on the south-east, the land of Jyēshṭhalinga; on the south, (*the field called*) Ghaṭikā-kshētra; on the south-west, the land of the merchant Daṇḍīśa; on the west, the field of Rāmāśvara; on the north-west, the field of Hōbēśvara; on the north, the field of Sindāśvara; on the north-east, the field of Bhaṭṭāri. On the east of that, (*there is*) the previously mentioned (*field called*) Kinnari-kshētra.

The property of a god (*is called*) poison by mankind; poison is not called poison: poison kills a single person; the property of a god, (*if confiscated, kills*) sons and sons' sons!

*Third Part.—Lines 61-82.*

Hail! Victorious is the boar-like form that was manifested of Viṣṇu, which agitated the ocean, and which had the earth resting on the tip of its uplifted right-hand task!

The dear son of the Great King Śrī-Polīkēśivallabha,—whose body was purified by ablutions performed after celebrating horse-sacrifices, and who adorned the family of the glorious Chālukyas, who are of the kindred of Mānavya, which is praised over the whole earth; who are the descendants of Hārīti; who have been nourished by seven mothers, who are the seven mothers of mankind; who have attained an uninterrupted continuity of prosperity through the protection of Kārttikēya; and who have all kings made subject to them by the (*mere*) sight of the banner of the Boar, which they attained through the favour of the holy Nārāyaṇa,—(*was*) Śrī-Kīrttivarmā, the favourite of the world, the Great King.

His son was Satyāśraya, the favourite

<sup>22</sup> *Dehahisari*, or *iṣṭhi suṣṭi*, l. 53,—not intelligible.

<sup>23</sup> *Bhujag-endra*, or *ady-endra*, 'a snake king.'  
<sup>24</sup> *Lit.* 'touched.'



of the world, the Great King, the supreme king, the supreme lord.

His dear son was Vikramāditya-Satyāśraya, the favourite of the world, the Great King, the supreme king, the supreme lord,—who, (*like Indra*), cleft open with the thunderbolt which was his prowess the over-weening precipitation of the Pāṇḍya and Chōla and Kōraḷa and Kadamba and other kings, (*which was like the lofty summits of mountains*); and whose feet were kissed by the diadem of the lord of Kāñchi, who always bowed down before him.

His dear son was Vinayāditya-Satyāśraya, the favourite of the world, the Great King, the supreme king, the supreme lord, the most venerable,—who was possessed of the banner of the sword-edge<sup>22</sup> and all the other tokens of supreme dominion, acquired by crushing the lord of all the region of the north.

His dear son was Vijayāditya-Satyāśraya, the favourite of the world, the Great King, the supreme king,—who was favoured with the quality of impetuosity; who drove back the bands of his enemies; and who possessed the banner of the sword-edge and all the other brilliant tokens of sovereignty which indicate supreme dominion.

While the victorious camp of his dear son, Vikramāditya-Satyāśraya, the favourite of the world, the Great King, the supreme king, the supreme lord, the venerable one,—whose manhood was increasing day by day; who enlarged his dominions by invading the territories of his foes; and the chief flavour of whose heroism was (*like the scent*) of musk and of the Kiśōra plant,—was located at (*the city of*) Raktapura,—six hundred and fifty-six of the Śaka years having expired, the second year of his increasing and victorious reign being current, on the day of the full-moon of (*the month*) Māgha,—having embellished the (*temple called*) Śaṅkhatīrtha-vasati of the city of Pulikara, and having repaired the white *Jinālaya* (*which was an outbuilding*) of it,—at the request of the merchant Bāhubali, (*which was made*) for the purpose of increasing the worship of Jina, a field of the measure of half a hundred *nisartanas* by the royal measure, laid

out by the measure of a *gavyūtī*<sup>23</sup> to the north of the city and to the south of the (*tank called*) Karpāṭi-tatāka, was given to Śri-Vijayadēvapaṇḍitāchārya,—who belonged to the (*sect called*) Dēvagana of the lineage of the Mūlasaṅgha; who was the disciple of Rāmadēvāchārya, who performed the most austere penances, and was a very incarnation of holy learning and was free from sorrow; who was the house-pupil<sup>24</sup> of Jayadēvapaṇḍita, who overcame those that opposed him in argument; and who had attained singleness of speech and other (*qualities*),—for the purpose of repairing breakages and of making new embellishments and of providing the oblation, and in order to maintain a hall of almsgiving, &c. The boundaries of it are declared:—On the east, some Śamī trees beside a white stone on the south of the 'stone of the Kinnaṛa' already spoken of. On the west, a Śamī tree near a white stone. On the north, the boundary comes back to the 'stone of the Kinnaṛa', already spoken of, from a red stone on the east of the tank already referred to, (*which is reached*) from a slightly blue-black stone.

It is very easy to give one's own property; the preservation of (*the grant of*) another is difficult; (*if the question is*) whether giving or preserving (*is the more meritorious act*), preservation is better than giving! They say that poison is not poison; the property of a god is called poison: poison kills a single person; the property of a god, (*if confiscated, kills*) sons and sons' sons! He is born as a worm in ordure for the duration of sixty thousand years, who confiscates land that has been given, whether by himself or by another!

May the scripture of Jina become famous!

No. XXXIX.

At Vol. I., p. 22, of the Elliot MS. Collection there is given a copy of a stone-tablet inscription of the Western Chalukya Vijayāditya, also from the Śaṅkha-basti temple at Lakshmeśwar. I sent for a tracing of this also, with the following results.

The tablet is about 5' 3" high by 2' 1" broad, and contains 87 lines of writing, more or less perfect, in Old Canarese characters of the tenth

<sup>22</sup> Pili; the word has various meanings, of which 'the sharp edge of a sword' seems most suitable in such a passage as this.

<sup>23</sup> Gavyūtī, or gavyūti,—a measure of length = 3000 dandas or 1 *ardra*, or 4000 dandas or 2 *ardras*.

<sup>24</sup> Antakṣin, 'a pupil who dwells near or in the house of his teacher.'

century A.D. The average number of letters in the line is about fifty-four. I have no information as to whether there are any emblems at the top of the stone. The tracing is not so good as the preceding one, and only a portion of the entire inscription has been copied, and that imperfectly, in the MS. Collection. I am, therefore, unable to edit this tablet, but can give the general contents of it; which must suffice until the original can be examined by some one competent to read it, when the greater part of it can be satisfactorily deciphered. The tablet includes four separate inscriptions, which, from their varying dates and the age of the characters, must have been copied here from previous stone-tablets or copper-plates, for the sake of confirmation or of preservation.

*First Part.*—There are fragments of twenty lines, and seven lines, 21 to 27, perfect but very indifferently traced, of which I can only make out that it is an early Western Chalukya inscription of one of the Satyāśrayas, other than the first of that name. The name of the individual king, the date, and the details of the grant, are effaced somewhere between l. 14 and l. 20.

*Second Part.*—Commencing with l. 28 and ending in l. 53 is the Western Chalukya inscription copied in the MS. Collection. It is well preserved, and the whole of it could be edited from the original stone. It carries the genealogy from Polikēśivallabha, i.e. Pulikēśi I., down to Vijayāditya-Satyāśraya, and records that in the thirty-fourth year of his reign, "six centuries and fifty-one of the Śaka years" having expired, on the full-moon of the month Phālguna, while his victorious camp was at the city of Raktapura, he gave the village of Kardama, on the south of the town of Pulikara, to his father's priest Udayadēvapandita, also called Niravadyapandita, who was the house-pupil of Śrīpāṭijyapāda and belonged to the Dēvagana sect of the Mūlasaṃgha lineage, for the benefit of the temple of Śāṅkha-Jinendra at the city of Pulikara. The date is in ll. 42-4, and reads:—*Ēka-paṇchāśad-uttara-shaṭ-chhatēshu Śaka-var-*

*shēshu=atūshu pravarttamāna-vijaya-rājya-saṃvatsarē chatus-trimśē varṭtamānē Śrī-Raktapuram=adhivasati vijaya-śkaṇḍhāvārē Phālgunamāsē pournamāsyān.* The day of the week is not given.

*Third Part.*—Commencing in l. 53, and ending with l. 68, is another Gaṅga or Koṅga inscription of king Gaṅga-Kandarpa. Here, again, though the tracing is very indifferent, the original is evidently very well preserved. Like the first part of the preceding inscription, No. XXXVIII., it is dated in the Vibhava saṃvatsara, "eight centuries of years, in the era of the Śaka kings, and ninety (years), having expired." It records a grant of land at the city of Puligere to the same person as in the first part of No. XXXVIII., Jayadēva, on account of the temple of Śāṅkha-Jinendra. The date is in ll. 62-3, and reads:—*Śaka-nṛipa-kāl-ātita-saṃvatsara-śatēshu=aśṭaśu navaty-uttarēshu pravarttamānē Vibhava-saṃvatsarē.* The month, the lunar day, and the day of the week, are not given. Undoubtedly it is a grant of the same king who is called Mārasiṃhadēva in the first part of No. XXXVIII.

*Fourth Part.*—Commencing with l. 69 is another Western Chalukya inscription. Here, again, the tracing, though very indifferent, shows that lines 69 to 82 are well preserved; below that, there are marks to indicate five lines of which the characters are too faint to be traced. It carries the genealogy from Polikēśivallabha down to Vinayāditya-Satyāśraya, and records a grant made by him to some Āchārya of the Dēvagana sect of the Mūlasaṃgha lineage, on the full-moon of the month Māgha, in the fifth or the seventh year of his reign, "six centuries and eight of the Śaka years having expired", while his victorious camp was at the city of Raktapura. The date is in ll. 77-8, and reads:—*Aṣṭ-ōttara-shaṭ-chhatēshu Śaka-varaṇēshu=atūshu pravartta(?)rdha)māna-vijaya-rājya-panchama-(! sapṭama)-saṃvatsarē Śrī-Rakta-puram=adhivasati vijaya-śkaṇḍhāvārē Māgha-māsē pournamāsyān.* Here, again, the day of the week is not given.



NOTE ON THE CUSTOM OF MAHÂPRASÂD IN THE SAMBALPUR DISTRICT,  
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MAHÂPRASÂD denotes a boon or favour of the highest degree, and as such conferred by a deity. PRASÂD is equivalent to anything given by a god, or by a Gûrû, and carries with it a blessing. It further signifies the food presented to a god and afterwards distributed to the worshippers. It also denotes the offerings when an idol is consulted. The prefix *Mahâ* ('great') is used to mark especially the *prasâd* of Jagannâth ('the Lord of the Universe'), to whom the great temple at Puri, in Orissa, is consecrated. The food cooked within the holy precincts at Puri, presented to the idol and sold to pilgrims, is familiarly known, not only in Orissa, but throughout India, as *Mahâprasâd*, or 'the great offering.' Hunter's *Orissa* gives a graphic account of this holy food, and mentions the large profits which accrue from its sale.

The general belief among Hindus is that the holiness and purity of the deity is imparted to the food which has been eaten, or 'smelt,' as the expression runs, by Jagannâth, and that by partaking of the *Mahâprasâd* the human soul is sanctified, and becomes in a measure impregnated with the divine essence. This being the conception, it follows that this holy food is much revered; its possession is tantamount to the spiritual and personal presence of the deity; neither putrefaction nor impurities can defile it or alter its virtue. All castes and races of men are alike welcome to the advantages which its use confers. In theory, at least, the purest Brâhman would not disdain to eat it from the hand of a Chamâr. The estimation in which the holy food is held, and the equality of all men which it asserts, present some curious marks of similarity to the highest of all rites in the Christian churches. It is well known that in an area of about five square miles surrounding the temple of Jagannâth at Puri all distinctions of caste are in abeyance within the holy limits. According to one of the *Purânas*, men of all nationalities, castes, and creeds may unreservedly eat together of the food which has first been offered to the god. In practice a more exclusive system has grown up. The in-

novation is said to be of recent introduction, and certain races and castes are now recognized as not entitled to the equality which in the case of all others the presence of Jagannâth demands.

It is far from easy to determine how so unique a phase of Hinduism grew up. By some it is set down as a relic of the Buddhism which once prevailed throughout Orissa. Further research would probably show that some ground exists for this explanation. By others, the more cynical view is entertained that it arose from a device of the Brâhmins to widen the field from which worshippers are drawn, and with increase of numbers to swell their gains. Be the origin what it may, the loosening, under religious sanction, of the customary rules of Hindu life was probably in its inception based, and is even now maintained, on a noble assertion of the equality of man before God. The wide popularity of the worship of Jagannâth can perhaps only be accounted for by the existence of a deep-rooted feeling of this kind. The sale of the sacred food forms no mean addition to the gains of the temple servitors. Pilgrims from all parts of India purchase and carry it to their homes, where it is consumed, or distributed as a much-prized gift to relatives or friends, and even sold. An oath on the *Mahâprasâd* is considered to be more than ordinarily binding, and seems to be known and common throughout India. This form of sanction is often adopted when a mixed body of men band themselves together with the object of effecting some common purpose. The universally binding character of the oath on the *Mahâprasâd* is thus recognized, it not being believed that a Hindu when so pledged can by any mental reservation evade his self-imposed obligations.

In Orissa, including Sambalpur and the Garjat states, the sacredness of an engagement entered into on the *Mahâprasâd* has given rise to a curious and, from some points of view, a graceful custom. This consists in two persons becoming what is popularly known as *mahâprasâd* one to the other. The tie is one of a close and indissoluble brotherhood. The con-

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tracting parties consider themselves, and are thought by others, to have formed an offensive and defensive alliance. The essence of the bond is that in evil report or good report, for weal or woe, the newly created brothers are to stand by each other, and seek each other's welfare. According to the theory, loss or injury should be accepted, rather than by any action to affect adversely the interests of the brother by the sacred food. The basis of the friendship is unequivocally a religious one. Anything done to aid or help forward the aims of the 'brother' is regarded in the light of homage to Jagannāth. Like most things in India, from Fairs to Thagi, the people have, to their own satisfaction, managed to combine the service of 'God and mammon.' Friendships analogous in their features, such as those that derive their sanction from the holy water of the Ganges, the Tulsi leaf, and other sacred objects, are found elsewhere in India; but for the most part they are rather the amusement and interest of women than the business of men, and nowhere do such ties appear to have developed into an institution embracing in its effects both private relations and public affairs. Although I would be the last to urge that an unselfish longing for true friendship, strengthened by a tie held peculiarly sacred, may not often be the motive that impels to the union, its aspects as exhibited to outsiders are strictly utilitarian. There seems now none of the chivalrous spirit which still lights up the *Rākshabandan* custom of Rājputānā. There the gift of the bracelet makes the recipient first and most important—the champion of the donor's honour and fair name, and the giver, in the highest sense, a sister. However pure the idea out of which the *mahāprasād* brotherhood grew, the tie is not unfrequently debased to unworthy purposes. An avowedly selfish object in entering into the contract is now the rule rather than the exception. Once formed, the union is supposed to be unseverable, and should be maintained by the interchange of amenities from time to time between the 'brothers.' In practice, however, where some specific purpose was the end sought, this accomplished, the tie is commonly allowed to sink into abeyance.

I have not been able to ascertain that the custom prevails elsewhere in India, except in Lower Bengal, where it is said to occur, though

rarely. In Sambalpur it is so common and so widely spread as to engage attention from an administrative point of view. On taking charge of the district, the recurrence of the word *mahāprasād* in official documents struck me. I was warned that one person could not be trusted in relation to some one else, because he was his *mahāprasād*. In cases before the courts the evidence of witnesses is almost daily objected to and discredited, on the score that they are *mahāprasāds* of the persons in whose favour they are deposing. The most experienced native officials have assured me that the uncorroborated testimony of a known *mahāprasād* must at least be looked on with suspicion. Unfortunately no individual is restricted in the number of his *mahāprasāds*; men of wealth or influence have many, and, as might be expected, native Government officials, from their position, are eagerly desired. Rumour also says that the tie is bought and sold. Instances are known of the connexion being established on the eve of a trial, to secure the neutralization of hostile evidence. Practically, then, in the daily life of the people the custom has almost come to assume the character of a business arrangement. Some warrant for this may be found in the well-known couplet—

"*Sura nara muni ki yahi riti*

*Svartha lage karen saba priti,"*

which, freely translated, might run—

"Gods, men and sages to this assent,

That all love and friendship for private ends is meant."

In addition to purposes less excusable, the tie is often utilized for more legitimate ends, such as to make up a long-standing quarrel, or to borrow money. In the latter case the lender feels that a loan to the *mahāprasād* has a security which an ordinary transaction would not offer. When means are available, such an application is seldom refused.

The development of the *mahāprasād* tie as visible in Sambalpur is far from healthy, and unquestionably, in many points of view, has a pernicious effect on the habits of the people. It adds to the difficulties of the courts by contributing another to the many under-currents, the force and strength of which are difficult to stem or to gauge. The indigenous native officials seem peculiarly imbued with a lust for this sacred friendship; and it may be questioned if



among them there is a single individual whose *mahāprasāda* are not in a measure proportionate to his position and standing in the Government service. The ceremonies observed when the tie is contracted are sufficiently simple. When the position of the parties warrants it, the occasion is recognized as one of rejoicing; guests are invited, and often comparatively large sums of money are spent in largesse, gifts to Brāhmanas, and costly presents are exchanged between the *mahāprasāda*. It does not appear that any ritual or religious ceremonies are prescribed as necessary to the occasion. When two persons agree to 'sit in *mahāprasād*,' as it is called, they bathe, and the Vedic rite of *Kāśa pūjā* may or may not be performed. The parties then sit opposite one another; one holding in his joined palms a portion of the holy food drops it into the hands of the other, held below to receive it; the position of the hands is then reversed, and the first holder now receives the food from the second. This is done seven times; each person then eats a small portion of the *mahāprasād*. The new-made brothers embrace, and the ceremony is complete. The operation of passing the *mahāprasād* from the hands of one to the other is accompanied by appropriate expressions, such as 'I throw myself upon you,' 'I seek protection from you,' 'I abandon all cause of quarrel,' 'I will never cause you any harm,' 'I will aid you,' &c. &c. Even this amount of ceremony is clearly not essential to the due contraction of the tie. The commoner form is for each party to eat in company a small portion of the sacred food, and then and there each to acknowledge the other as his *mahāprasād*. The necessary condition underlying the bond is faith in the great Jagannāth, and acceptance of his presence as manifested in the

sacred food. It is said that on occasions Muhammadans have not scrupled to contract the obligation with Hindus. However repugnant to a true follower of Islām such a profession of belief in the great idol at Puri may be, in Sambalpur, and probably throughout Orissa, the bulk of the Muhammadans are strongly imbued with the spirit of Hinduism. Unconsciously perhaps, but none the less certainly, the mind often takes up much of the colour of its surroundings, and a latent belief may redeem the obligation from the grossness of open perjury. It is related that, in times gone by, a European lady, in anxiety about the health of one dear to her, was induced to propitiate Samlāi, the blood-loving goddess, at Sambalpur.

When the tie is once formed the parties cease to mention each other's names, using instead the title *mahāprasād*. Similarly the parents and relations are called *mītra bāpa*, *mītra mā*, &c.—'friend's father,' 'friend's mother,' &c.—and the kinsmen of each are supposed to stand in the same relation to the newly constituted brother. The connexion thus formed is said in some instances to have continued to unite families for more than one generation. Blood relations and persons of the same name are by usage debarred from contracting this friendship. On the death of a *mahāprasād* the family of the survivor not unfrequently mourn as for a relative.

Such is a brief view of this curious custom. Much may yet remain to reward inquirers more competent and with greater opportunities. As it affects public business it is doubtless of some importance, while if in describing it any light has been thrown on the inner life and feelings of the people, the sketch may in that measure be not altogether wanting in instruction.

### TRADITIONARY ACCOUNT OF KĀLIDĀSA.

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What little can be gleaned from popular or traditionary accounts of Kālidāsa cannot fail to interest, however inaccurate or scanty the sources of our information. For this reason, I give the following traditionary account:—

Kālidāsa was born a Brāhman, and was left an orphan by the sudden death of both his parents, when he was scarcely six months

old. In this helpless condition, he was seen by a cowherd, who brought him up as a member of his family till he was eighteen years of age. The natural beauty and delicate make of his person, distinguished him from the rest of the family, as one presumably born of superior lineage. But having had no education he was little better than the illiterate class of people among whom he was brought up.

Now the king of the country had a daughter<sup>1</sup> who was the most beautiful and accomplished lady of the age. Having arrived at years of discretion, she would accept no one as her husband who was not versed in all the arts and sciences. Such a man could not be found. And several kings and princes that came to ask her hand had to return disappointed, much against the will of her father, who had proposed them one after another for her choice. Thus the king got tired, and resorted to his minister for advice. The minister<sup>2</sup> said, "Your highness's daughter is impetuous and self-willed; as she has already refused so many persons, who have been proposed for her, I feel sure she is destined to be married to an idiot. If your highness permits, I will practise my art and find out a person who would suit her." The king consented, and the minister while sitting upon his terrace, saw a beautiful man in a cow-herd's attire, returning home from the woods with his cows. He beckoned to him, and the man accordingly went to him. The minister was glad to see that he had lighted on the object of his search, and next day reported the event to the king, who was glad to hear it. It was afterwards communicated to the princess that a learned Brâhman had come from Banâras to court her, and that he had numerous pupils and followers equally learned with himself. With her permission, the new Brâhman, the minister's *protégé*, was brought to the palace richly dressed with a number of pupils and followers. These last were examined by the pandits of the court, and were found to be invincible in their arguments. Thus the princess was deceived, and fixed her choice upon the handsome youth, who was quite illiterate. The marriage was accordingly solemnized, but, not long after, the princess discovered her mistake. Then with a sword she threatened to kill him, if he did not reveal to her the truth. This was soon told, and the bridegroom felt ashamed of his total ignorance and utter inequality with the accomplished princess. The princess was a favourite devotee of the goddess Kâlî, and at her advice he proceeded to the temple of that deity, worshipped her with devotion, and ultimately promised to make an offer-

ing to her of his own head if she did not vouchsafe to bestow upon him the gift of learning. The goddess Kâlî took pity on the worshipper and his bride, and marked upon his tongue the letters वाजासुराणि, which endowed him with a ready wit in speaking and versifying. Hereafter the young Brâhman became known to the world as Kâlidâsa, or 'the devotee of Kâlî,' and his original name became lost.<sup>3</sup>

Kâlidâsa, with his new gift of learning, returned to the princess, who was almost in raptures at seeing her husband thus endowed. Kâlidâsa also felt conscious of the great change in himself, and ascribed it all to the princess, to whom he felt very grateful for her advice, and even threats. Henceforth he regarded her as his mother and preceptor, and vowed to treat her as such. The princess grew wroth at this, and cursed him by saying, "Thou shalt meet thy death at the hands of a woman." Henceforth Kâlidâsa led a single life, although it is said, he spent a great deal of his time in the company of courtezans and persons of low degree. It was here he enjoyed those pleasures he so vividly describes in his poems, and more especially in his *Ritu Samhâra* and *Sringâra-tilaka*.

With reference to the 199th verse in the first book of the *Panchatantra* (Calcutta edition), it is said that Bhavabhuti, who led an ascetic life, passing by the house of a courtesan, happened to say the first half—

मधु लिङ्गिनि काचि वाञ्छितां दृढि शलाहलमेव केवलम्

Kâlidâsa, who was just then inside, very wittily completed the verse, saying

अतएव निषीयते भरो हृदयं मुष्टिभिरेव तादृजते

With reference to verse 17 of the *Sringâra-tilaka* the following is a traditionary account:—Once upon a time it happened that king Bhoja uttered the line:—

कुसुमे कुसुमोत्पत्तिः श्रूयते न तु हृदयते

and asked if any of his pandits could complete the verse. None in the court could do it, as Kâlidâsa had for some reason concealed himself in the house of his mistress, and was absent from court. A large reward was offered to any one who should complete it. Kâlidâsa

<sup>1</sup> Vâsanti, the daughter of Bhîmasenka, king of Vârânasi: *Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. p. 103.—*Ed.*

<sup>2</sup> Vararuchi—*ut sup.*

<sup>3</sup> This is substantially the same account as is transmitted

by Târâṅkitha, given in *Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. pp. 103, 104, and conf. p. 363; also vol. I. p. 245; vol. III. pp. 24, 81; vol. IV. p. 84.—*Ed.*



heard this, but, not choosing to discover himself in public, merely wrote on a wall the other half—

वाले तव मुलाम्भोजे कथयिदीवरद्वयम्.

His mistress read the complete verse, and wishing to appropriate the prize to herself, and to gain the credit of having completed the verse, was tempted to kill her lover, thus fulfilling the curse pronounced upon Kālidāsa by the princess.

Kālidāsa was a great traveller, as appears from his correct knowledge of places\* as described in his poem of the *Megha-dūta*. Once it happened that Kālidāsa, Bhavabhūti, and Daṇḍin travelled together on a pilgrimage to Śrī-Raṅga-purī, near Trichināpalli, to see the shrine of Śrī Rāṅganātha, or Viṣṇu lying on Śeṣha. Each of them composed in honour of the deity a verse characteristic of his own peculiar style :—

Kālidāsa :—ऐर्वा पाटलयत्पलककुरु सामंतिनिषामकुरैः

भाशा मौलिकिरीटरत्ननिकरैः पाशापुष्पीयमपि  
पर्यङ्के पद्मानतूलभरिते पारे करेरात्मजम्  
मुद्रा काचन मुक्तिदानकुशला निद्रानि नागनि श.

Bhavabhūti :—वक्षःपीठे किमपि रचयन्नारेष्वेवशरत्नम्  
नामो कुर्वन्निखिलगतीनां देवकामुच्यते  
तस्ये तादृशप्रदपरिमता सारगर्भेभिरङ्गु  
निद्रा मुद्रा रसमभिनयजीविता कथिदिम्बे.

Daṇḍin :—काव्य काचन कालमेवमुपमाकमोदसत्तापिनी  
पथोराशितरःकनेन मरसा देनापि भूषावती  
रंगे तृंगभुगंगपुंगवतः परंङ्कुमभिदुषी  
निद्रा मुद्रितलोचना विजयने मुद्रा मुरदोहिणी.

On another occasion, a learned paṇḍit named Damaruka, came to the court of the king, and challenged the paṇḍits to complete a verse, the first line of which was—

अमोधिर्बलक्षिः पयोधिरुदधिर्वातनिधिर्वारिधिः

None could do it but Kālidāsa, who added the following lines :—

अथा कुप्यन्ति तान् मूर्ध्नि विधवा गंगेयमुत्सृज्यताम्  
निद्रन्त्यमुल्ल संतनं मयि रत्ना तरया गतिः का वद ।  
कोपादोपवशाद्विदुर्भवदनः पत्युसरं दत्तवान् ॥

Such is the account of Kālidāsa handed down by guru-parā, i.e. by a line of preceptors to pupils, and generally current in Mhasur (Mysore). I am indebted for it to Paṇḍit Rāmanujāchārya, Sanskrit Teacher in the Indor High School, who had it from his preceptor, the late Sajja-yāchārya, the well-known rhetorician of Mysore.<sup>3</sup>

#### FATHER THOMAS ESTEVAO, S.J.

BY F. M. MASCARENHAS.

According to Father Francis de Sousa, S.J. (*Oriente Conquistado*, tom. II. p. 29), Father Estevão (Stephens, or Stevens) was a native of London, and according to the Rev. Theodre Hauser, S.J. (*Bombay Catholic Examiner*, No. 43, 1875), Father Estevão was born in Wiltshire. His father, Thomas Stevens, was a London merchant, and sent him for his studies to New College, Oxford. In the year 1575 he was in the noviciate of the Society of Jesus at St. Andrew's in Rome, where he spent four years; during the two last he was most probably engaged in the study of philosophy. F. Estevão was sent to Goa, which he reached on the 24th October 1579. "Thomas Stephens," says the Rev. Philip Anderson (*History of the Settlement of the English in Western India*, pp. 6, 7), "is the first Englishman of whom we are sure that he visited the western shores of India. When there he was only known as a Jesuit, but he had been originally educated at New

College, Oxford. On the 4th April 1579 he sailed from Lisbon, and the following October reached Goa, where he lived many years. A letter which he wrote to his father, a London merchant, soon after his arrival, is printed in Hakluyt's *Collection of Voyages*. It contains not only a particular and interesting description of his perilous navigation round the Cape, but many sage remarks are made in quite a mercantile spirit on the state of Portuguese trade, of which he evidently desires that his countrymen should obtain a share. The reader is surprised to find a Roman ecclesiastic entering with such eagerness and penetration into commercial affairs. Probably Stephens' advices were the strongest inducements which London merchants had been offered to embark in Indian speculations, and certainly they began from this period to fit out expeditions for the East." "The narrative of his travels," says Dr. Pope (*Text-Book of Indian History*, p. 244), "excited

\* Conf. Monier Williams, *Wisdom of the Hindus*, p. 361, note.—Ed.

<sup>3</sup> Lassen and Monier Williams place Kālidāsa in the third century A.D., Weber in the third or sixth, and Dr. Bhasu

Dāji in the sixth. See M. Williams, *Wisdom of the Hindus*, pp. 474, 475, and Conf. Trans. Internat. Cong. Orient. 1874, p. 254; *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. VI. pp. 19, 207; Lassen, *Alterth.* II. 1157 (or 2nd ed. 1170).—Ed.

immense interest in England." Mill (*History of India*, vol. I. p. 12) says that Stephens wrote an account of his voyage, which was read with avidity, and contributed to swell the general current of enterprise which now ran so vehemently towards India (Harris's *Voyages*, vol. I. p. 875). Murray (*British India*, vol. I. p. 131) states that Stevens sent home a most favourable report of the fertility of the region in which Goa was placed, the opportunities it afforded for trade, and the liberality with which the port was opened to vessels of every nation. Father Estevaõ is the only Jesuit who ever worked in the missions of India before the suppression of the Society. He represented his nation worthily, as well by his zeal as by his learning and obliging manners.

According to Anderson (p. 7). (Francis) Pyrard de Laval, who was a prisoner at Goa in 1608, states that Stephens was then rector of a college (of Rachol) in Salsette—by which he probably means the province of that name in the Goanese territory. The English Jesuit was a kind-hearted and true friend in need to several of his countrymen, who within the space of a few years found their way to India." (*Histoire Générale des Voyages*, par C. A. Walckenaer—Hakluyt's *Voyages*.) Two English travellers, John Newbery and Ralph Fitch, were intimately acquainted with F. Stephens and received many favours from him during their stay at Goa. Their letters are dated 20th and 25th January 1594. John Hugh van Linschoten (born 1553 and died 1633), a Dutch traveller, who was a page to the Archbishop of Goa, D. F. Vicente de Fonseca, and came out with his Grace in 1583, praises very much the kindness of F. Stephens. Amongst the missionaries of those days he was one of the most distinguished, and a chief means of converting the island of Salsette, near Goa. His thorough knowledge of the Konkani language, joined to a great zeal for the salvation of souls, fitted him best for the mission of Salsette, which was considered the most difficult the Society had up to that time undertaken in any part of the world. Father Stephens must have been still young when he reached Goa, and apparently a scholastic only. He spent forty years on the mission of Goa, as Mulbauer remarks (*Geschichte der Indischen Missionen*, referring to the History of the Society by Orlandini). Father Stephens died in the year 1619, probably at Rachol, and must have reached a good age; "for if," says Father Hauser, "we suppose him to have been at least twenty-five years of age when he came to India, he was about sixty-five or about seventy years when he died." The following works were published by this English Jesuit:—

1. *Arte da Lingua Canarim*: Art of the Kanarese (i.e. Konkani) Language, by Father Thomas Estevaõ. Printed in the College of St. Ignatius at Rachol, in Goa, in 1640, with additions by Father Diego Ribeiro, S.J., and four other Priests of the same Society. Only two copies of the original edition are known to exist.




2. *Doutrina Christã em Lingua Brahmana-Canarim* (i.e. Konkani), *ordenada a maneira de dialogo para ensinar os meninos*. Rachol, 8vo. Christian Doctrine in Brâhman-Kanarese Language, arranged in dialogues to teach children. 8vo, Rachol. This Catechism is a translation of that of Father Marcos Jorge, commonly known under the name of its improver, Father Master Ignacio Martins.



3. *Discurso sobre a Vinda de Jesus Christo nosso Salvador ao Mundo, dividido em dous Tratados, pelo Padre Thomas Estevaõ, Ingles, da Companhia de Jesus*: Discourse on the Coming of Jesus Christ our Saviour into the World, divided into two treatises, by Father Thomas Estevaõ, of the Society of Jesus, an Englishman. This famous book of religious instruction is a selection from the Bible. It is entitled a *Purda*, and is an abridgment of the books, accompanied by explanatory remarks and a good account of the mysteries of the incarnation, passion, and resurrection of our Saviour. Father Thomas Estevaõ wrote his work in 1614. It was afterwards revised, in 1647, by Father Fr. Gaspar of St. Miguel, of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi. The work was printed in 1626, 1649, and 1654. In Kanara there are only a few manuscripts, of 1000 pages in folio, and it is understood by those who know the Marâthi or higher dialect of the Konkani language, in which it is written. The work was dedicated to D. Fr. Christovaõ de Sa e Lisboa, Archbishop of Goa and Primate of the East, on the 29th April 1616. All the three editions of this excellent work were approved by the ecclesiastical authorities at Goa. Father Francisco Vieira, Provincial of the Society of Jesus at Goa, approved it on the 22nd June 1615. It is divided into two treatises or *purdas*, the first of which contains licenses, dedication, introduction, and 36 cantos. The second treatise, divided into four parts, contains 59 cantos. The whole of the work has 11,018 strophes, 4296 of which belong to the first *purda*, and 6722 to the second. Father Pascoal Gomes de Faria, Priest of the Order and Habit of St. Peter, a native of Bathim, in the parish of N. Sra. de Guadalupe, of the island of Goa, added in the year 1722 two hundred and thirty-seven strophes to cantos 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 of the second treatise (see *Ensaio Historico da Lingua Concani*, pp. 119-120, por Senhor J. H. da Cunha Rivara).




## MISCELLANEA.

THE HISSARLIK RELICS—THE *SVASTIKA*.<sup>1</sup>

As the relative antiquity of the objects found at Hissarlik by Dr. Schliemann, and now exhibited at South Kensington, is under discussion, allow me to point out what is the origin and date, as I believe, of the Greek archaic cross, which so frequently occurs in the pottery found at Hissarlik, and its distinction from the Buddhist *Svastika* or Aryan symbol, so called, with which Dr. Schliemann appears to connect it. The Greek archaic cross  appears to me to be evidently derived from the punch-mark on early Greek coins. The punch-mark was originally composed of four small squares, , the centre assuming the form of a cross, but in the stamping of the coin the squares went a little on one side, and made the punch-mark take the shape of the archaic cross . In this manner it is found on the coins of Chalcedon and Cyzicus, and on early coins of Syracuse the archaic cross appears in a more definite form. This form was thence adopted as an ornamental device on early Greek pottery, as we see it on that of Athens, Samos, Cyprus, and Hissarlik.

The Buddhist *Svastika* is a monogram. According to General Cunningham, it is composed of two Pāli characters  *su*, and  *ti*, or *sut*, which is the Pāli form of the Sanskrit *Svasti*, which means 'it is well.'<sup>2</sup> It is a symbol of resignation among the Buddhists. The *svastika* is almost

invariably, according to Mr. Beal, the reverse of the Greek archaic cross, thus .

The dates of the two crosses are also very different. The Greek archaic cross is found on Greek coins and pottery of the seventh century B.C., while the Buddhist symbol, the *Svastika*, cannot be earlier than the sixth century B.C., as Buddha died about 540 B.C.

At page 103 of Dr. Schliemann's work on Troy, he gives Burnouf's explanation of the origin of the *Svastika*. There is every reason to doubt his explanation; the very meaning he assigns to it, *śv loṇi*, 'it is well,' shows that General Cunningham is correct in deriving it from the two Pāli characters *su*, *ti*, 'it is well,' and that it is a Buddhist symbol of a date not earlier than the sixth century B.C.

At p. 102 Dr. Schliemann tells us that the Rev. W. Brown Keer assured him that he had seen the *Svastika* innumerable times in the most ancient Hindu temples, and especially in those of Jains. According to Mr. Fergusson, the mean date of the earliest Buddhist monuments is 250 B.C., while the date of the oldest known Hindu monument cannot be carried further back than the sixth or seventh century of our era, and the oldest Jain monument may be of the tenth century. Mr. B. Keer's assurance is, therefore, of no value with regard to the antiquity of the *Svastika* in India. HÖRDER M. WESTROFF.

## BOOK NOTICES.

1. L'ISLAMISME d'après le Coran, l'enseignement doctrinal et la pratique. Par Garcin de Tassy, Membre de l'Institut, Prof. à l'école spéciale des langues Orientales vivantes. 3me ed. 8vo, 412 pp. (Paris: Maisonneuve et Cie, 1874.)
2. ISLAM and its FOUNDERS, by J. W. H. Stobart, B.A., Principal, La Martinière College, Lucknow. 12mo, 254 pp. (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1877.)

The first of these works is by a well-known veteran in Oriental scholarship, and contains four short treatises. The first, on the doctrines and duties of the Musulmán religion, is preceded by a collection of the texts from the Bible which the

Musulmán doctors regard as having reference to Muhammad and his mission. Their interpretations are of course forced in the extreme: thus, the "twelve princes" in Gen. xvii. 20 they make the "twelve imams;" "their brethren" in Deut. xviii. 18, the descendants of Ishmael the brother of Isaac; "Paran" in Deut. xxxiii. 2 and Habak. iii. 3, being the generic name of the mountains round Makka, they hold that the revelation of the Korán is referred to, and that the Gospel was given from Mount Seir; in Isaiah xxi. 6, 7, they make the man in the chariot drawn by asses to be Christ, him drawn by camels Muhammad; in John xiv.

<sup>1</sup> From the *Athenæum*, Jan. 12, 1878.

<sup>2</sup> *Philos. Times*, p. 356. *Svasti* in the Vedas means

'welfare, prosperity,' &c.; its later sense is nearly the same—'happiness, bliss,' &c.; *Svasti-devi* is the mythological wife of Vāyu. Among the Jains, the *Svastika* is one of the twenty-four auspicious marks, and is the emblem or cognizance of Suparva, their seventh Tirthankara of the present cycle (see *Ind. Ant.* vol. II. p. 135). The symbol in the oldest Buddhist inscriptions, as well as in

Jain works, is, as Mr. Beal had noted, the reverse of the old Greek cross; but there is no sufficient reason for supposing that it was first invented or introduced by the Buddhists. It is probably of far older date than the time of Buddha: it was one of the chief of the *manjapala*, *shams*, or marks on his feet (Hardy, *Manual of Buddhism*, p. 367). Conf. *Ind. Ant.* vol. IV, pp. 75, 308; Burnouf, *Lotus de la Bonne Loi*, p. 625; Fergusson, *Tree and Serpent Worship*, p. 245.—Ed.

16 and xv. 26, they change *παράλογος* into *παραλόγος* and apply it to Muhammad, as they make him also 'the last' who 'shall be first' in *Matt.* xx. 9, 10, 16. The other texts referred to him are—*Isaiah* xlii. 1, 7, 17, &c.; *Isaiah* l. 1, 6, &c.; *Dan.* vi. 13, 14; *John* xxi. 7, 13, &c.; and *Rev.* vi. 4.

The teaching and duties are presented in a series of quotations from the Korân, classified under various heads, such as God, Angels, Inspired Books, The Gospel, the Korân, Jesus Christ, Muhammad, The worship of one God, Social Duties, Infidels, Unbelievers, Purgatory, Hell, Paradise, Prayers, &c. &c. It is evident that in such an arbitrary arrangement there is a danger of representing the religion under an aspect which is not strictly a correct one; it is apt to bring into strong prominence, for example, the ethical teaching of scattered and incidental precepts, while, unless the classification were far more comprehensive than M. de Tassy has attempted to make it, many ethically important features, such as the position of woman, slavery, the discipline of the heart and will, private virtues, &c., may be left out. Yet this treatment has its uses, as it brings together all that is said in the Korân on each of a number of important topics, from which we can at once judge of the character of its teaching respecting each individually, and, as the arrangement is pretty exhaustive of the contents of the book, we see at once the areas that it leaves entirely blank.

The *second* treatise is a translation of the Turkish *Risâle-i Berkevi*, a religious catechism written in the sixteenth century, treating chiefly of dogma and morality, but mixed with minute details on ablutions and rules respecting prayers. The *third* section is a Sunni Euchology, translated from the *Hidayat-ul Islâm*, which is known in India both in an Arabic and a Persian version, and contains most of the prayers in use, the Suras from the Korân employed in prayer, the *Fatîhas*, and special prayers used in the pilgrimages to Makka and Medinah. The *fourth* and last division of the volume is a memoir on the special features of the Muhammadan religion in India, drawn from Hindustânî works, and gives a pretty full account of the feasts and principal saints of the Indian Musulmâns. M. de Tassy has given us an interesting, instructive, and valuable addition to the literature of the subject, though, like most books written by those who know Muhammadanism only from its literature, the author, by dwelling principally on its better features, gives a more favourable view of it than it really deserves.

The small volume by Mr. Stobart is an excellent handbook, at once popular in its style and ac-

curate in its condensed details of facts. It opens with a brief but clear outline of the Geography, Early History, Ethnology, and Religion of the Arabian Peninsula; then the bulk of the book is devoted to the life and teaching of the "Prophet;" and this is followed by a chapter on Islâm, and another on its spread, after which the author sums up briefly and honestly on some of those features which more forcibly strike a Western observer. It is not intended as a work of original research, but the author has selected and employed the most trustworthy European authors on the subject, and by confining himself chiefly to a narrative of facts, has produced a volume full of information, and the best introduction to a knowledge of Islâm and its founder that we know of.

"However much, under the then degraded condition of Arabia," he remarks, "the code of Mahomet was a gift of value, and however much it may have succeeded in banishing those fiercer vices which naturally accompany ignorance and barbarism, still can it be forgotten at how dear a price the boon was acquired? In the place of temporary and remediable evils . . . the nation was delivered captive to the guidance of an unchangeable law, which, whatever the excellence of some of its precepts, poisons domestic life, stifles honest inquiry, crushes the right of private judgment, has hitherto been found, and is essentially, incompatible with constitutional freedom, and has been followed by that train of national degradation and evil which the story of the past and the example of the present show to be the constant, and it would seem the inevitable, attendants wherever Islam holds sway. History, indeed, but too truly records that the faith of Mahomet is altogether powerless to enoble or to regenerate a nation. The partial and specious reforms which it may effect are vitiated by the fact that they serve to exclude the highest; and as the inner life of families, the whole tone of society, and the intellectual and moral standard of a people depend on the principles diffused by the ruling religion, it seems, from past experience, hopeless to expect that Islam will ever cease to be what it has hitherto proved, the most formidable obstacle to the dawn of a progressive and enlightened civilization."

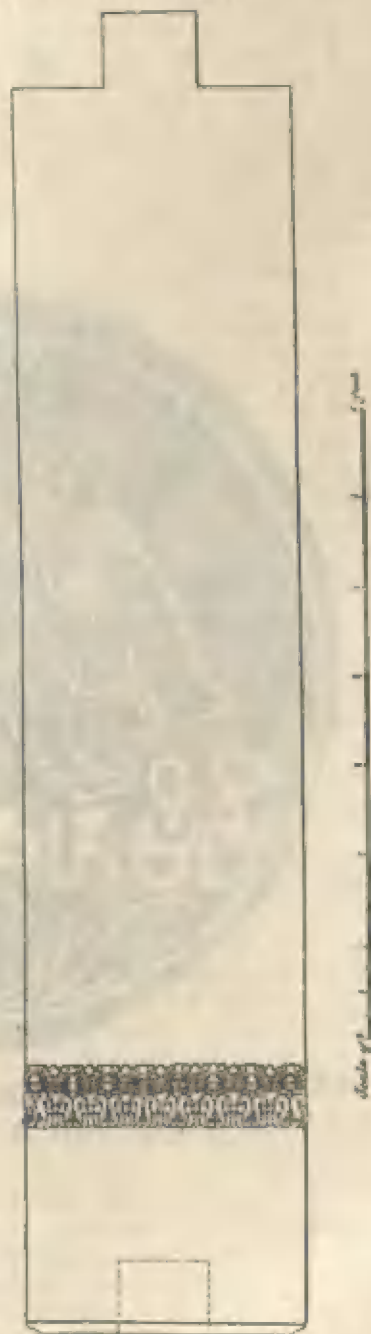
The book is one of a series published by the Christian Knowledge Society on "Non-Christian Religious Systems," is illustrated by a map—showing the limits of the Muhammadan empire at its greatest extent under the early Khalifs in the 8th century, the present limits of the empire, and the spread of the religion, and has an excellent index, fitting it for easy reference.





SEAL OF THE EASTERN CHALUKYA GRANT  
OF AMMARAJA II. WITHOUT DATE.

*Fig. 1 Shaft at Bijapur.*



*Fig. 2 Composite Bracket-radiating arches.*





## HINDU AND JAINA REMAINS IN BIJÁPUR AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

BY W. F. SINCLAIR, B. C. S.

IT must serve for excuse for the extreme roughness of the following notes that they are derived from such observations as could be made in the scanty leisure of a Famine Officer. Apology would seem almost as much required for meddling at all with a region which has already been in such hands as those of Colonel Meadows Taylor, Messrs. Fergusson, Fleet, and Saikara Pāṇḍurang Paṇḍit, but the fact is that the attention of the two former gentlemen has been chiefly attracted by the magnificent works of the Âdil Shâhi kings, while the two latter have been busied rather with inscriptions than with architecture. I hope, therefore, that I may be able at least to indicate the materials for a new and interesting chapter in the architectural history of the Dekhan.

It seems certain, from the number and variety of the remains, that the site or neighbourhood of modern Bijāpur was occupied, before the Muhammadan invasion, by a group of temples of considerable size and beauty; and that one, at least, was of high antiquity will be proved, I think, by the description of the first fragment which I have to notice. This is the shaft of a column lying outside the east gate of the citadel, nearly opposite the old Kotwāl Chauri. It is 3 feet square throughout, and 14 feet long, besides a basal tenon of 9 inches. Of this great mass 11 feet 10 inches and the tenon are in one block. Just above the moulding this is so finely mited to another length of 2 feet 2 inches that the point of a hunting-knife can hardly be got into the joint; and in fact the shaft has hitherto enjoyed the reputation of a monolith.

The moulding, as will be seen from the accompanying sketch, is of a festooned pattern common to the caves of Biddāmi and the Durga Dewal, at Aihole, only sixty-five miles away. The square massiveness of the pillar agrees with this indication; and, so far as one is justified in assigning a date to a solitary fragment, I must conclude that this pillar belonged to a building nearly contemporary with the Durga Dewal—that is, certainly not later than the 7th century. It may be added that the upper end is finished with an ornamental bevel showing the distinctive double flexure of the Dravidian cornice; from which it is permissible to conjecture that

this form may have been used in the building, or at least that it was known to the artist as a structural device. There is also in this end a deep and wide square mortice-hole, showing that the pillar was meant to support some ponderous stone superstructure. Had it been, as has been imagined, a mere pillar of illumination (*dīpādita*), or a *lāt* supporting a single figure, I should have expected a narrower hole; but at any rate I know of no *lāt*, *dīpādita*, or Jaina shrine-pillar having the square and massive form of this shaft, nor do I believe that any Indian architect would have used so unsuitable a form for that purpose.

Close to this pillar stands a slightly ornamented base, generally supposed to belong to it. In proportions it is indeed suitable, being 38 inches square and 44 deep to as far as I could excavate,—probably, from the proportions, 8 or 10 more below this. Examination, however, shows on its upper surface the mark, not of such a shaft as I have described, but of an octagonal drum of 13½ inches to the side, which, after some search, I found built into a guard-house platform belonging to the main gate of the citadel, about fifty yards off, and which, I am tolerably certain, belongs to a Chālukya building of the 11th or 12th century, which I shall have occasion to notice further on. It is indeed, not only possible, but probable, that the building, of which the great prostrate shaft is now the sole remnant, served as a quarry to the Chālukya architects; but, if so, they completely re-wrought the materials.

Their successors, however,—the earliest Muhammadan invaders,—were less industrious, and erected in the citadel of Bijāpur three buildings composed as far as possible of the fragments of Hindu temples. The first of these is a small colonnade, probably meant for a guard-house, or shelter for witnesses, petitioners, and other loiterers about the citadel. It requires no further individual notice, but must be understood as included in the scope of remarks touching these appropriated materials as a whole.

The second was certainly the *corps de garde* of the main gate of the citadel. It consists of two or three arched chambers and verandahs, in some of which fragments of ancient Hindu

pillars support arches, while others are utilized in the trabeate Hindu style. The former method suggests what might have happened here, had it not been for the importation of a purely arcuate masonry style by the Western Adil Shâhi dynasty and their foreign followers. Similar adaptations occur at one or two other places in the district, notably at Dhôlkher, on the Bhîma; but the general question can be more fitly discussed at the close of this article. This guard-house contains no less than four inscriptions in the Halle Kânâdi, or old Kanarese character, all incised on the suprabases of columns. "The oldest inhabitant" assured me that all four had been copied for Sir Bartle Frere. Two of them are mentioned in the Architectural Committee's account of Bijâpur (p. 65)—one as recording that Mula Devara Châlukya made a grant to a temple of Narasiṅha in Śālivāhana Śake 1114 (A.D. 1192), and one to the same purport of "Śaṅkarapa Daṇḍa Nāyaka, minister to Nārāyaṇa Yadava," Ś. Ś. 1162 (A.D. 1240). I am not myself sufficiently learned in Kanarese (had even the terrible exigencies of the public service at the time of my stay in Bijâpur allowed the time) to attempt a translation on my own account, but I believe that they have attracted the attention of Messrs. Fleet and Śaṅkara Pāṇḍurang Paṇḍit, and a photograph of part of one (all I could get done) was taken. The octagonal drum of a great pillar, mentioned above as belonging to a base still standing outside this gate, is built into a platform of this *corps de garde*, on the north side of the entrance.

The third building is that known now as 'the Jaina temple,' lying between the inner citadel and the remains just described. The epithet has probably been derived from the local habit of referring all ancient buildings to 'the Jains,' of whom, I may here remark, I found no trace whatever in the city of Bijâpur, though their remains are not uncommon in the neighbourhood. I did at one time imagine that a stone now standing outside the Juma' Maṣjid might have been the capital of a Jaina columnar shrine, but was subsequently obliged to admit that it must have been part of a fountain still existing within the mosque. The building now referred to has been unfortunate in its historians; for the compilers of the official volume on Bijâpur photographed it from two

different points of view, and described it as two separate buildings, viz. as a Hindu Agrabhāra and as a Musalmān mosque (pp. 65-66). The latter is the correct designation. It consists of a rectangular courtyard, flanked right and left by blank walls, faced by a pillared façade, and having at the rear or western side a pillared wall with *mihrāb*, or azimuth niche, and *mimbar*, or pulpit. There are fragmentary inscriptions in the Persian, Nāgari, and Kanarese characters. The Government Reporters mention the second only (or condense the whole, for they are not explicit), as expressing that in Śālivāhana Śake 1242 Mālîk Karim u'd-dîn Khân built the mosque,—Revaya, carpenter of Salhaodage (probably Salotgi, tālukâ Indî), being the architect. In the Persian inscription I made out the name of the Mālîk in the Persian, but read it, with such assistance as I could get, "Karim-u'd-daulah Khân." The point is not important; and I hope that the inscriptions, which are very rough, will ere long receive the attention of a more competent and less hampered interpreter. The hall has a trabeate stone roof covered with concrete, and a covered skylight bearing exactly the same relation to the large central compartments of Chalukya temples as the dome of a typical mosque at Ahmadâbâd does to the central domed compartment of a great Jaina porch. How any one could ever have taken it for aught but a mosque,—even desecrated, ruined, and encumbered with vegetation as it is—passes my comprehension. Besides these three buildings there are fragments of Hindu sculpture lying all about the city and citadel; the most notable are some broken pillars (one apparently part of a *tālî* or *dîpmālî*) lying in a corner of the Ashar Muḥarak palace, where now is the shrine of 'the Prophet's beard.' There is a fragment of a frieze or pediment—course of elephants—built into the revetment of the inner citadel ditch; and two small stone elephants, similar to those shown in Mr. Fergusson's plate of the Temples at Somanāthpur (*Indian and Eastern Architecture*, p. 394), still survive, though mutilated. One was, in July last, lying opposite the door of Karim u'd-dîn's mosque. The other has been set up in a modern temple of Dattātre (the Hindu Triad), between the inner and outer ditches of the citadel, where it occupies a position similar to that of the bull Nandi in Śaiva temples.

In the whole body of remains the traces of



three distinct large buildings can be made out. The first was that of the 7th century, or thereabouts, of which nothing is now left to us but the one great shaft already described. The second was—if the inscriptions read by the Government Reporters were identical, as I suppose, with two of my four—a temple of Narasiṃha, the Man-lāṇ incarnation of Viṣṇu, built probably in the 12th century, of the same dark basalt as its predecessor—very likely on its site and of its remains. It was certainly Chalukya in style, adorned with courses of figures, windows of stone tracery in geometrical and foliage patterns (I found none into which figures had been introduced), and standing on a plinth about two feet high, with small free-standing elephants at the corners. In short, the best idea of it can be obtained from the woodcut already quoted in Mr. Fergusson's work, or from the volume by the Architectural Committee of Western India upon Dhārwar and Maisur, where the Chalukya style has now its best representatives. It may be added that the mixture of Śaiva and Vaiṣṇava emblems throughout the fragments of this temple (sometimes together on one column) shows a very different feeling between these two Hindu sects to that now existing in the same country, though the total absence of Jaina emblems in such a large collection of remains would lead us to infer that the *sententia cordiale* did not extend to this religion; and, finally, that the work of decorating the temple was probably still in progress when the Musulmān invasion broke upon the country.

The third traceable building was a temple built of what is called on the spot red sandstone, though apparently belonging rather to the schists. It seems to have been of the same style and age as the temple of Narasiṃha, but its inferior material has suffered much more from time than the hard basalt of the latter; and the indications are in this case more scanty. Fortunately the surviving remnants include the members of a gateway high enough to admit an elephant (now utilized for its original purpose in the citadel), and the lintel of a shrine door on which Gaṇapati is still to be recognized. There is, therefore, no doubt that it was a Śaiva temple.

These three buildings—if one may form a conjecture from the concentration of their relics—stood, two of them, as friendly contem-

poraries upon the ground now forming the eastern or inner part of the citadel of Bijāpur. How many smaller buildings of the sort may have existed in the immediate neighbourhood it is hard to say—probably a considerable number. For the earlier Muhammadan architects would naturally utilize all those within easy carriage of the city in their own buildings; and in fact it is just at a radius of a day's march from Bijāpur that one begins to find such remains still *in situ*, while without that limit they are numerous in every direction. However, it is certain that they did, in the very earliest period of their rule, destroy the buildings which I have essayed to reconstruct, so as literally not to leave one stone upon another. During the past year the clearance of the citadel of Bijāpur has been carried out as a famine work, and much of the oldest masonry in the place has been exposed to view; but in no single case could I find a Hindu wall, or even foundation.

Our friend Karimū'd-dīn and his companions built the fragments into their mosque and fortifications with so little regard to their original positions that they frequently made up one column with the *disjecta membra* of three, or filled the place of deficient members with very rough-hewn stop-gaps. It may be remarked that the pillars in the mosque have suffered more in this way than those in the other two buildings, and in examining them the more closely on this account one notices that the missing sections are the bracket capitals and square lengths of the pillars,—that is, the parts which were most apt to be adorned with figure sculpture, which of course was more particularly objectionable in the house of the One God. Still, almost every stone is used for its original purpose—base and capital, slab and lintel, support and overlie just as they had done in their original sites. A partial exception is to be found in the great skylight—I can find no better word than this for the central construction. It is not a dome or an upper storey, but simply a piece of the flat roof pushed up some eight feet, and supported in that position by great slabs which had been pilasters of the temples, and whose position is now so far altered that their uncarved side, which had originally been imbedded in side-walls, now grins in its native roughness towards the terrace of the mosque,—the sculptured side, however, remain-

ing still visible to any worshipper who might happen to look upwards from within.

One may, I think, recognize in these two buildings the work of different, though contemporary, influences and architects. It is probable that while Revaya the *ministri* was doing his best with Hindu ideas and Hindu materials to build such a mosque as might entitle him to his fee of "twelve *chavars* of arable land rent-free for ever," and the Sayyid or Maulana of the garrison was overlooking him with an iconoclastic eye, some Persian or Turkish royal engineer was at work on the fortifications close by, utilizing what materials he could, with as great a contempt for everything but economy and defence as could be produced in the 19th century by the training of Woolwich and Chatham. Our hypothetical Persian was familiar with the arch; he had very likely seen old Roman buildings in which arches were, or seemed to be, supported on pillars; so, when he ran short of stolen goods,—to wit, great slabs and complete pillars suitable to the trabeate style of his Hindu masons,—he utilized the smaller stones at hand, in accordance with the lessons of his youth, but, to the last, economized labour by supporting his arches on the stamps of Hindu columns, in some cases turning them upside down rather than go to the trouble of cutting a new capital.

We have here the *incunabula* of a distinct style of civil and ecclesiastical architecture, which would, if left to itself, have grown up much as that of Ahmadâbâd did, from a similar origin. This, however, was put a stop to by the flood of foreign influence which accompanied the Adil Shâhi dynasty which succeeded Karim-u'd-din and his like as provincial governors, and eventually made of Bijâpur the metropolis of a great kingdom, and the centre of a great architectural school, essentially Western in its love for the dome and pointed arch. Considering how far they excelled all the rest of the world in their chosen style, and the distinct inferiority of the local architecture to that of Gujarât for the purpose of great buildings, we need not spend more than a passing regret upon the death in its cradle of the nascent Chalukya-Saracenic style.

<sup>1</sup> Ibrahim Adil Shâh II., said to have been nicknamed by his Muslimân subjects *Jagad Gurâ*, in derision of his toleration for the Hindus. A converse modern case is that of the famous Sikh Râjâ Shahr Singh Atâriwâla, who

It did not, however, die without to some extent influencing what we now know as the Bijâpur style of architecture. In the windows of many Adil Shâhi buildings the simple forms of Chalukya tracery are reproduced with good effect; and the beautiful Ibrahim Rozah, built by a king who did not die till 1636<sup>1</sup>, owes much of its charm to the employment of Hindu pillars, brackets, and flat ceilings, modified indeed by the use of cement and concrete, both practically unknown to the indigenous race of architects. The Muslimân of Bijâpur, moreover, used one architectural device which was due to the influence of their predecessors, and deserves a very distinct description. They found, as everywhere in India, the horizontal or bracketed arch. They brought with them, as everywhere else in India, the radiated or true arch, so well known to the Western world; and they used the former occasionally, the latter in a style which has seldom, if ever, been surpassed. But they alone, I think, ever combined these two forms of construction—not only in a single arch, but in a single stone. This was effected by using in their abatments, above the spring of the arch, long stones, with short elbows turned downward in the form and angle necessary for *voussoirs* (as shown in the diagram Fig. 2). It is obvious that an arch built in this manner contains the elements and merits of both systems, and avails itself of every element of stability which can be found in cut stone. It could not, of course, be practically applied throughout such an arch as that of the Gaggan Mahâl, 83 feet in span, but in the lower part of even such arches, and throughout those of less dimensions, it is as ingenious and efficient a structural device as can well be conceived, and has probably much to say to the wonderful vitality of the monuments of Bijâpur,—for hardly any other word is applicable to the way in which these have survived every form of ill usage, from Moghul bombardment to Marâthâ pillage, which, with a thoroughness characteristic of that predatory race, extended here even to building materials.

I have already said that the immediate neighbourhood of the city of Bijâpur is barren of Hindu and Jaina remains—for the reason, pro-

when supposed by his followers (during the first siege of Multân) to favour the English and Pathân interest, was contemptuously styled "Râja Sheikh Singh."



bably, that they were used up by the conquering race. In the course, however, of a few months' service in the country to the north-east, now forming the talukās of Indi and Sindagi, I have come across many of both religions. Temples still stand at Horti, on the Solāpur road, and at Nimbāl-Khurd, six miles east of this, which cannot date from an earlier period than the thirteenth century, and would well repay the examination of any one who may have the luck to visit them in times of leisure. There are probably others as complete as these, and as old, which I did not come across; and in almost every village there are numerous fragments, often utilized in buildings of the composite character already noticed. One of the most remarkable of these is the temple of Khandobā at Hipargi, 24 miles east of Bijāpur. The cloisters of this building surround a court cut into the side of a low hill; and some of them 'back up' into the hill itself in a way which reminds one of the caves of Elurā. This impression is heightened by the square and massive trabeate style of these cloisters themselves, though upon examination they show plain signs of having been built long after Musulmān influence had become dominant; while they are faced by a set of arches which would not be out of place in any Saracenic courtyard in Bijāpur. In the centre is the temple itself, a modern building of no beauty or pretensions, but eccentric in that, though it appears to be raised upon a stone plinth two feet high, the floor of the shrine and porch is on a level with that of the court, and the approach is by a path cut down to this level through the stone work of the plinth. Opposite this a stone horse, caparisoned but unmounted, occupies the pavilion which in a Śaiva temple would belong to the bull Nandi. Above the whole, and without the enclosure, though practically belonging to the temple, stands a *dīpndīa*, or illumination-tower, unique in these parts, and worthy of description in detail. The builder had evidently in his eye the construction of the four great *minārs* which flank the tomb of king Māhmūd at Bijāpur, and he composed his tower of pierced stories closely resembling theirs. But, as a Hindu, he did not care to use true arches for his openings, which are accordingly spanned by single stones cut into a pointed arch—a common form throughout India in the

17th century, to which this building probably belongs. As his object, moreover, was not to relieve a huge square building with an almost semi-globular dome, but to bear up into the night air a column of light, he did not hold to the perpendicular form of king Māhmūd's towers, but tapered his away by diminishing the diameter of each successive story; and finally he departed still further in detail from his model by adorning his exterior, not only with the carved stone brackets needed for his lamps, but with the supplementary sculpture, which was almost as necessary to support the effect of these when viewed by daylight. Although all of this is coarse in execution, and some of it obscene in design, the general effect by daylight is exceedingly good, and would be more so were the building complete. Its legend says that the builder was a Rāja of Sātārā, that it had originally seven stories, besides the plinth and finial story (agreeing with the form of the *minārs* of Māhmūd's tomb, which have seven stories, a dome and plinth; further, that when the uppermost lamps were lit, their radiance lit up the tomb of king Māhmūd, whose ghost and successors were so much disgusted at this incidence of idolatrous 'light on the subject' that they forced the architect of Hipargi to truncate his tower till it was shut out from Bijāpur by the intervening hills of Śivanagi. A small pillar about two miles off upon the Deūr road is pointed out as being the amputated top of the tower, but upon examination turned out to be of a different style, material, and probably generation.

I could get no historical evidence whatever to corroborate or contradict this tradition. The period which it points to—i.e. the end of the 16th or the first half of the 17th century—is likely enough from the internal evidence; and though no chief could have been called 'Rāja of Sātārā' till long after the kings of Bijāpur had lost the power to pull down any one's tower, the ancestor of that family, Shāhji Bhoṣlā, was a feudatory of the Bijāpur state at that very time, and may possibly be the person alluded to. At any rate, truncated by Muslem bigotry, and defaced in later days by modern Hindu vulgarity, the tower still dominates, not unpleasantly, the group of trees and temples in the hollow at its foot (for Khandobā has several divine neighbours), and on the other side it

presents a resting point to the eye wearied with the dismal monotony of the ugly brown plains of Kalāḍgi.

The lower part of a smaller temple in the same village (which I used as a relief kitchen), with its plinth and well, seem to be pre-Muhammadan in style; and at Śindagi, 12 miles off, there survives a complete Chalukya temple of Khapḍobā, apparently of about the 13th century, but absolutely buried in whitewash, and surrounded by a bad modern wall. It has, however, an amusing gallery of sculptured figures,—gods, Rishis, and later saints, besides a whole row of *līngas* in a side chapel, and is altogether worth a visit.

At Almelā, near the Bhimā, 12 miles north of Śindagi, a very fine temple—probably of the 11th century—was destroyed by some old Nawāb to build the embankment of a tank, which was repaired this year as a famine work. The mischief done was past remedy, but I did save one fine figure of the Cobra-king, armed with sword and shield, and set it upon, not in, the dam; which is, besides, surmounted by an ugly and ruinous little temple, said to have been built by a European officer. This gentleman, it is said, being encamped under the

tamarind trees of the old embankment, thought fit to insult the image of the goddess Lakshmi, who was stuck up under another tree near the tents. She, being wroth, punished him vicariously by sending cholera upon the villagers, and refused to be appeased till he had granted a sum sufficient to erect her present fane. The hero of this legend is still alive, but, as neither the temple nor the tale (if true) says much for his taste, it is not necessary to name him here.

I have already (*Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 230) referred to the erection of small dolmens by the Shepherd caste of these parts, and have since seen two a little larger—that is, about three feet cube. One of these exists near the village of Hanatgi, 12 miles east of Bijāpur; and the other just outside the Fateh Darwāzā, or Victory Gate, of the city itself. Both are of the same pattern, having one back, two side, and a top stone, the fourth side remaining open, and being flanked by two small upright stones; and both now serve the purpose of shrines for *Grāma devatās*—in all likelihood deified ancestors, “rude forefathers of the hamlet,” whose remains may lie below, or perhaps were burnt there or thereabouts; but not even a tradition could I pick up about either.

#### ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

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(Continued from p. 47.)

##### No. XIX.—‘*Passing through Fire.*’

Treading on fire and leaping through flames, either in honour of a deity or in fulfilment of a vow, seem to be among the most ancient and universal of superstitious customs. They exist in every part of the Madras Presidency, and doubtless elsewhere in India. Excellent accounts of the custom have been given in the *Indian Antiquary* by Mr. Stokes, vol. II. p. 190, and by Captain Mackenzie, vol. III. pp. 6-8, and are of special value, one as containing the evidence given in a judicial inquiry respecting the custom by parties concerned, the other as a detailed description by an eye-witness of a very full ceremonial of the kind at Bangalore. Both occurred in 1873. In 1854 the Madras Government called for a report from every zillā as to the prevalence of the custom, and whether it appeared to be attended with such an amount of hurt or danger as to warrant measures being

taken for its discouragement and suppression. From the replies received, it appeared that fire-treading was known in every district, but only locally observed in most, and not general in more than two or three. It was reported to be falling into disuse, practised only by the lower orders, and its performance to be unattended by danger or instances of injury sufficient to call for interference by Government, who thereupon ordered that it would be enough for European officials to use their influence in discouraging the custom, and endeavouring to obtain the assistance of the more educated classes of the native community in the same object.

When not done in discharge of vows made in time of sickness or disaster, the fire-walking seemed to be performed (generally in March or June) in most places in honour of Virabhadra,



the portentous flame-clad progeny of Śiva, who is especially feared as presiding over family discord and misfortune, or else of Dharmarāja, the elder Pāṇḍava, to whom there are five hundred temples in South Ārkat alone, and with whom and Draupadī the ceremony has some particular association.<sup>1</sup> In Ganjam and Maisur it is performed in honour of a village goddess, and everywhere seems connected with aboriginal rites and Śiva-worship, Brāhmins always disowning it. Messrs. Stokes and Mackenzie have described how it is carried out, and the reports to Government speak of the fire-pit as a narrow trench, sometimes twenty yards long and half a foot deep, filled with small sticks and twigs, usually tamarind, which are kindled and kept burning till they have sunk into a mass of glowing embers. Along this the devotees, often fifty or sixty in succession, walk, run, or leap, barefooted; and not unfrequently the precaution is taken of forming a puddle of water at each end of the trench, for the devotees to start from and leap into. Such a trench I have seen the day after a fire-treading had been performed in it, and one of the actors went along it with a hop, skip, and jump, to show how it was done. Sometimes, to make the rite more imposing and meritorious, devotees will pierce their eyelids, tongues, the fleshy part of their arms, &c. with long slender nails having a lighted wick attached to each end, and so accoutred tread the fiery path. This seems repulsive, but there is no real danger in the ceremony, as the reports to Government were obliged to admit; and Captain Mackenzie in his account observes that there "never was, nor could be, the slightest danger to life." Nor would there be ordinarily. In the case reported by Mr. Stokes, a sickly boy fell in the pit and received burns from which he died: the accident and result were owing to his condition; and, when it appears from Mr. Stokes's paper that the practice is now prohibited in Madras, the antiquary will be inclined to regret interference with primeval customs not essentially more dangerous than hunting or racing. Amongst similar exhibitions it may be mentioned that in the demon-worship so prevalent on the western coast, when celebrations are held in honour of

Chāmūḍī, a much-dreaded female divinity (vide *Ind. Ant.* vol. II. p. 169), the dancer, who represents and is supposed to be possessed by her, dances and rolls upon a pile of burning embers without any injury, as is asserted. In the Nilgiri Hills, too, there is a sect of outcaste Brāhmins denominated Jumpers (*Haravar*), from a rite in which they used to leap over a fire. Though claiming to be Śaiva Brāhmins, wearing the thread and abstaining from meat, they really have no caste, but live and marry amongst the Madagas, and work as coolies.

When official inquiries were made into the fire-treading practices in Madras, surprise was evidently felt that they should turn out to be so harmless. The minds of many probably reverted to passages in the Old Testament (e.g. *Leviticus* xviii. 21; 2 *Kings* xxi. 10) where children are spoken of as being passed through fire to Moloch, which have been generally regarded as denoting cruel sacrifices of living children,—an idea Milton has gone far to confirm by his well-known lines—

"Moloch, horrid king, besmear'd with blood  
Of human sacrifice, and parents' tears,  
Though, for the noise of drums and tim-  
brels loud,  
Their children's cries unheard, that pass'd  
through fire  
To his grim idol."

Commentators have usually adopted the same view, and drawn frightful pictures of a huge brazen idol in whose arms, heated glowing hot, children were placed and cruelly consumed. It is most probable, however, that the rite was as harmless as the Indian fire-treading, or as when children were "passed through fire" by their mothers, almost in our own days, on St. John's Eve in our own islands, and still in Brittany. The Rabbinical commentators have strongly repudiated the common interpretation, and insisted that in all the Scripture passages on the subject there is no word used signifying 'to burn' or 'destroy,' but 'to pass' and 'to offer,' and they ask whether, when so wise and beneficent a king as Solomon is spoken of as permitting his 'strange wives' worship of Moloch, it can be believed he would have sanctioned the murder of little children. Theodoret, bishop of Cyrus, in Upper Syria,

and then passing through it, slowly or quickly according to their zeal, and often carrying their children in their arms.—Tom. I. p. 153.

<sup>1</sup> A century ago Sonnerat (*Voyage aux Indes Orientales*, Paris, 1782) described the Indians walking on fire in honour of Dharmarāja and his wife Draupadī,—first following their images carried in procession three times round a fire,

who wrote in the 4th century, took the same view, and there is an interesting passage in his commentary on the Old Testament, where, in his 47th query on 2 Kings iii., as to how the expression "Ahaz made his son to pass through fire" is to be understood, he observes—"Josephus says that Ahaz offered one of his sons as a burnt-offering; but I think this is an error that has come down to our own times. I have myself seen in certain cities that once in a year fires were lit in the streets, and people leaped and bounded over them,—not boys only, but men also; and infants were carried through the flame by their mothers. It appeared to me to be an expiatory and purifying rite, and I think that this was the sin of Ahaz." Such, probably, were the Molech rites; they were condemned by the Old Testament writers as idolatrous, not as destructive, and the observances described by Theodoret were forbidden to Christians at the 6th Council of Constantinople, in A.D. 580, as superstitious follies merely.

The result of the Madras inquiries was to show that fire-walking was almost as much practised by Muhammadans as by Hindus. Indeed, in one district (Karnûl) it was only known at the Muharram; and fire-dances were reported to be regularly observed at that festival in 120 villages in Nellûr; in that district, also, Muhammadan Fakirs were said to walk and roll on fire at two places in the month Madhu, in honour of a Pîr or saint named Bundar Shâh Madur. Herklots, in his *Qanoon-e-Islam*, when describing the Muharram, says that the fire-pits then used are called *allahas* ('bonfires'), and are dug annually on the same spot. Fires are kindled in them in the evening, and, "of those who have vowed, some leap into the still burning embers and out again, others leap through the flame, and some scatter about handfuls of fire." He gives, however, no account of the origin and meaning of the custom. Muhammadans are unable to explain it, and the more educated amongst them regard it with aversion, as they do many of the Muharram extravagancies. It has hence been surmised by many that such wild ceremonies may have been imitated from Hindu observances, as intimated by Mr. Sinclair in his *Notes on the Muharram* (*Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 79). It may indeed be so, but I know not whether it would be too hazardous to refer this leaping into

and over fires to a survival of Arabian and Syrian idolatrous ceremonies, such as are described by Theodoret, older than the Prophet!<sup>1</sup> Indian Muhammadans partake largely of Arab descent, and it is no more surprising that strict Musulmans should, though doubtless unconsciously, keep up customs of idolatrous origin, than that Christians should, up to our own times, have maintained the pagan festivities of Beltane and St. John's and St. Peter's Eves. Indeed, the coincidence is remarkable and striking. How long old customs linger, and how hard they die, is exemplified in a curious passage of Captain Frederick Burnaby's amusing book *On Horseback through Asia Minor*, vol. II. p. 201:—"I have often wondered whether something connected with the old fire-worshippers' superstition has a lurking-place in the minds of the Persians and Kurds. Day after day, and at the same hour, I have seen the entire inhabitants of a village turn out and gaze intently upon the great orb of light slowly sinking on the distant horizon. I have questioned them about this subject. They indignantly repudiate the idea of any act of worship to the sun: they say they do so because it is their habit, and because their fathers and ancestors did the same thing before them." Again, in close connection with the subject of this note, and showing how the origin of ancient observances may be forgotten, Ovid expressly mentions leaping through flames as amongst the rites of the Palilia (*Fasts*, lib. iv. 781), and then, proceeding to explain the meaning, acknowledges that the multitude of reasons popularly assigned makes it doubtful, and addresses some which only show that, even in his time, the signification of the rite was really unknown. Some instances of analogous customs may be here recounted. The late Professor H. H. Wilson, in his "Essay on the Festivals of the Hindus" (*Works*, vol. I.), when describing the wild revelries of the Holi, as observed in Hindustân Proper in the month Phâlguna, or March, says of the bonfires then lit in all the towns and villages,—“When the flames break forth, the spectators crowd round to warm themselves, an act that is supposed to avert ill-luck for the rest of the year. They engage also in some rough gambols, trying to push each other nearer to the fire than is agreeable or safe, and as the blaze declines jump over it and toss about the burning

<sup>1</sup> The Muharram existed as a feast before Muhammad, who enjoined ten additional customs during it.



embers." The following are selected from many instances of ancient customs in the British Isles. Sir John Sinclair, in the *Statistical Account of Scotland*, published in 1794, states, from the report of the minister of Loudoun, in Ayrshire, that "the custom still remains amongst the herds and young people to kindle fires on the high grounds in honour of Beltane" (vol. III. p. 105); and, again, the minister of Callander, in Perthshire, relates that on "Beltein day" (old May-day) the people kindled a fire and toasted a cake, which was divided into as many parts as there were people present, and one part blackened with charcoal; the bits were then put into a cap and drawn blindfold, and he who drew the black bit was considered devoted to Baal, and obliged to leap three times through the flame (vol. XI. p. 620). In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for February 1795, an eye-witness relates that on the 21st June 1782 he saw, from the top of the house in which he was staying in Ireland, the fires burning at midnight on every eminence for a radius of thirty miles all around, and that the people danced round the fires, and made their sons and daughters, together with their cattle, pass through them,—reckoning this to ensure good fortune during the succeeding year. The dancing round and leaping over fires probably did not survive long into the present century, but the kindling the Midsummer fires is hardly yet extinct. I remember, a few years ago, a notice of them having been seen in some of the Scottish Isles; and in 1833 there was a riot in Cork on account of some of the soldiers quartered there refusing to subscribe to the Bellane bonfires. There is not a county in England, from Northumberland to Cornwall, in which there was not some trace of the custom existing in the last century; and in Wales, Devonshire, and Cornwall it lingered to within living memory, if indeed it be yet wholly extinct. In Brittany it is still in force; there the peasantry still vigorously dance round and leap over the St. John's fires, and two years ago a fine painting by the eminent artist Jules Breton was exhibited in London, entitled *La Saint Jean*, vividly portraying the scene from life. One of the old navi-

gators, Johannes Loxius, avers that passing through fire was practised even by the people of Brazil; but, though the Rabbins trace its origin up to Ham, the idolatrous son of Noah, I have been unable to find any notice of its existence in Africa. In all the many records of exploration, from Livingstone and Burton to Schweinfurth and Baker, there is no allusion to it, albeit Africans are the most saltatory of nations. It can hardly be but that rites existing with so much likeness in far separated ages and countries must have had some common origin, and it does not seem beyond bounds to seek that origin in ages of which the Vedas are a late expression, before that Aryan dispersion which, issuing from the Central-Asian dwelling-place, may have carried these primeval observances to the confines of the Western world. But, whether in classic, medieval, or modern times,—whether Palilia, Muharram,\* Fire-treading, Holi, May-day or Midsummer festivities,—all seem vestiges of the primordial adoration of Spring, and the natural gladness that greets the revival of Nature. As religious change and fade, such observances become transferred to sun-worship, or associated with local deities, Muhammadan martyrs, or Christian saints, and ideas of expiation or symbolical cleansing by fire obscure the original motive, which would, however, be latent at no great depth, and manifest the common source of its variant forms in many points, as the seasons of celebration, making cattle leap over fires,—as Ovid, at the passage cited in the *Fasts*, intimates was done, and as was the custom in Ireland, and in Maisur, where Captain Mackenzie saw buffaloes driven over the fire-pits; appearing also in the Irish and Indian belief that dancing round the fires ensured good fortune. Established priesthoods would sometimes sanction such customs, sometimes frown on them; as in Upper India Brāhmans bless and inaugurate the Holi bonfires, but in the south stand aloof from fire-treading, because usually done in honour of un-Brāhmanical deities. Antiquarian and mythological research is but the record of the decline, survival, transformation, and interchange of religious observances.\*

\* "In the month Muharram the first rain fell, Adam and Eve descended on earth, and species were propagated."—*Herklots*.

\* The sanction of fire-treading would also be heightened by its being used as a solemn ordeal. In *Asiatic Researches*, vol. i. p. 360, there is a paper on ordeals communicated by Warren Hastings containing this passage:—

"For the fire ordeal an excavation, 9 hands long, 3 spans broad, and 1 span deep, is made in the ground, and filled with a fire of poplar wood; into this the person accused must walk barefooted, and if his feet be unharmed they hold him blameless; if burned, guilty." In medieval Europe accused persons walked barefoot over heated ploughshares placed in a line at unequal distances.

## RĀJMAHĀLI WORDS.

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In Dr. Hunter's *Comparative Dictionary of the Languages of India and High Asia* nearly two hundred words have been selected for comparison in more than a hundred and forty languages and dialects—one word to a luxurious page. Twenty of these dialects are bracketed together as belonging to Central India, but including the Chentsu and Yerukala of the south; and there are seventeen under the Southern India division, including Tamil, Malayalam, and Kanyākāka, ancient and modern, Toḍava and Toḍa. Malabar, as a dialect distinguishable from Tamil and Malayalam, has been included by mistake; neither has Sinhalese any relationship to any South-Indian language. The Koikādi dialect, wherever it may come from, has three words out of four the same as one or another South-Indian language.

The blue book entitled *Specimens of Languages of India*, published in 1874 under the authority of the Government of Bengal, has about a hundred and fifty words, and under the division appropriated to 'Central Provinces languages' twenty-two names of dialects or of selected centres. Unfortunately none of these cor-

respond in name with any of Dr. Hunter's list under the heading Central India, though some classified as belonging to Western Bengal are to be found in Dr. Hunter's list. The words in the Bengal book have been better selected than those in Dr. Hunter's, and the sentence illustrations are to be found only in the former; but, as Dr. Hunter's book was printed six years earlier, it would have been better if the same words had been adhered to in the later volume.

The dialect of the Rājmahāl hills appears in both vocabularies, and as it has been always stated to be connected with the Drāviḍian languages, though so widely separated by distance, it may be interesting to see to what extent this is borne out by vocabulary comparison.

Among the numerals, only the names for 'one' in Rājmahālī—'ort, ondong, kieong'—will bear comparison with the Tamil *oru* and the Kannarese *onda*; all the other numerals are Hindi. The pronouns in Rājmahālī, as they are given by Dr. Hunter's informants and in the Bengal collection, are put down below for comparison with those of the South-Indian languages to which they bear any resemblance.

English	Rājmahālī (Bengal Book)	Hindi	Rāj. (Hunter)	South-Indian (Tamil)
I	Ayn	Main, ham	En	Mān or yān, Kannarese (anc.) nā
We	Aym	Ham, hamani	Nam, om	Nam, nangal
Thou	Nin	Tu, tou	Nin	Ni
You	Nin	Tum		Nir, ningal
He	Āh	Wuh	Āth	Avan
They	Ahaber	We, ohney	Āsabar	Avargal, avar
Of me	Aynki	Mera	Ongki	Ennudeiya, Telugu Na-yokka
Of us	Emsubki	Hamāra, ham- sobinkaer	Emki, nāmki	Nammudeiya
Of thee	Ningkid	Tera	Nimki	Unnudeiya
Of you	Ningkid	Tohāni		Ummudeiya
Of him	Ahikid	Uska		Avannudeiya
Of them	Ahibkid	Unka	Āsa-beriki	Avargaludeiya
Mine	Aynki	Hamāra	Ongki	Ennathu
Our	Emsobki	Hamāra		Nammathu
Thine	Ningkid	Tera	Ningki	Unathu
Your	Ningkid	Tumāra	Nimki	Ummathu
His	Ahikid	Uska	Āhiki	Avannathu
Their	Ahibkid	Unka	Āsa-beriki	Avargalathu

Apart from the different modes of spelling in the two Rājmahālī lists, there is an interchange of *h* for *s*, or *s* for *h*. The word 'they' has been taken down for Dr. Hunter *asabar*, and for the

other list *ahaber*. The sort of lisp which I am informed a Bhilī uses in trying to say the Hindustāni word *hāsir* may have appeared to one hearer an *s*, and to another an *h*. The words



for 'I,' 'thou,' and 'they' are most like the corresponding words in the Dravidian languages, but it may be observed that 'thou' in Chinese also is *nī*. The mode of the addition of the postpositions is as like Hindi as Tamil or Telugu.

After the pronouns, I have gone through all the words in Dr. Hunter's lists, with the results in the small catalogue below.

List of similar words from Dr. Hunter's Dictionary.

English	Rājmahālī	South-Indian
Above	Meche	{ Tamil anc. Missei Tamil mod. Mēle
How much	Ina	Telugu Enta
Near	Atgi	Malayālam Aṭukko
No	Mallā	Tam. Alla
Within	Ule	Tam. Ullē
Tooth	Pāi	Tam. Pal
Cow	Oi	Tel. Āu
Eye	Kāne	Tel. Kaanu
Ear	Khetway	Tam. Kāthu
Fish	Min	Tam. Min, Sanskrit Mīna
Mother	Aya	Tam. Ayi
Mouth	Toro	Tel. Nōru
Come	Bara	Mal. Vāru
Tree	Man	Toḍa Man
Father	Āba	Kanarese Appa

The time had not arrived when Dr. Hunter wrote, as he remarks in his preface, to render it safe to make a table of non-Āryan phonetic changes, but from the instances of changes and substitution of letters given I do not see how Telugu *nōru*, 'a mouth,' becomes *toro*, or vice versa. *Min*, the word for 'a fish,' is Sanskrit; 'father' is a disyllable, with a *b*, a *p*, and an *a* in it in many languages.

The next list has been taken out of all the words in the Bengal vocabularies, with two sentences from Rājmahālī, Toḍa, and Tamil. The residuum of similar words is very small.

	Tamil	Malayālam	Telugu	Kanarese	Toḍa	Badaga	Rāj. (Bengal Book.)	Rāj. (Hunter.)
Hand	Kai	Kei	Cheyvi	Kai	Kei	Kei	Teta	Sesu
Foot	Ādi, pādai	Kai	Pādama	Ādi or Pāda	Kāi	Kala	Kedu	Kai
Nose	Mūku	Mūka	Mukku	Māgu	Mituff	Maka, magu	Mūfēl	
Eye	Kān	Kappa	Kanna	Kappa	Kapp	Kappa	Kāna	Kāne
Mouth	Vāy	Vāy	Nōru	Bāyi	Bāi	Bāi	Toro	Soro
Tooth	Pal	Palla	Palla	Halla	Parah	Halla	Palu	Pal
Ear	Kādu	Cheni	Chevi	Kivi	Kev	Kivi	Kaiḍiba	Khetway
Hair	Mayir	Rōmam	Venṭrukala	Kūdala	Mir	Kudalu, meiru	Tāli	Tali
Head	Thalai	Tala	Tala	Tale	Madd	Mandei	Kuku	Kupe
Tongue	Nakū	Nāva	Nāluka	Nālugo	Nav	Nalango	Tartay	

<sup>1</sup> The Brāhmins of Kalat speak a language different from the Baluchi of other tribes in Makrān, and which is called *Kardī* or *Kardgālī*.—Ed.

List of similar words from the Bengal Selection.

English	Rājmahālī	South-Indian
Mouth	Toro	Telugu Nōru
Eye	Kāna	Tamil Kau
Tooth	Palu	Tam. Pal
Father	Abbas	Tam. Appan
Son	Beru	Tam. anc. Birgh
I am	Ainco	Tam. Nān irukkirēn
Thou art	Ninco	Ni irukkiray
He is	Āhoo	Avan irukkirān
We are	Aim Sebem	Nangal irukkirom
Ye are	Nin Seber	Ningal irukkirigal
They are	Āseber	Avargal irukkirāgal

My father lives in that small house.

Rāj. — Na ada mākono eng ābbā doki.

Tam. — En thagappanār antha sūna vittā vāsam paṇṇukirār.

Toḍa — Yenu enin ā kinnaḍ ārahalg adi.

He is sitting on a horse under that tree.

Rāj. — Āhmon koleroḡ goro meche oki.

Tam. — Avan kuthirai mēl ukkēnthu kōndu antha marathin kīl irukkirān.

Toḍa — Ādum ā man erk kadare mok arahchī.

A comparison of the inner structure of two dialects can only be made by those (otherwise competent and) practically acquainted with both, but nobody knows both Rājmahālī on the one hand and Tala or Toḍa (of the Nilgiris) on the other. The Toḍa would be the most interesting for comparison, as the upheaval to the tops of hills in both cases would be more likely to have given the words similar twists, supposing they started from the "one rude homogeneous dialect" hazarded first by the Rev. Mr. W. Taylor. The annexed list is interesting as comparing the changes in the South-Indian languages with the Rājmahālī.

There is a dialect called Brāhmi or Brāhmi<sup>1</sup> in the extreme west of India, but in no word does it resemble any South-Indian language.

	Tamul	Malayālam	Teluga	Kanarese	Toḍa	Badaga	Rājm. (Bengal Book.)	Rājm. (Hunter.)
Belly	Vayira	Vayara	Kaḍupa	Hoṭṭe	Bir	Hoṭṭe	Kocho	
Back	Madugu	Madhuga	Vipu	Bennu	Uf	Bōnnu	Kokeh	
Iron	Irumbu	Irumba	Innum	Kabbiṇa	Kabban	Kabbana	Loha	Loha
Gold	Pon	Pon	Bangāru	I' Chinna	Chinna	Chinna	Sona	
Silver	Velli	Velli	Venḍi	Belli	Belli	Belli	Chandi	
Horse	Kadirai	Kudhira	Gurramu	Kudure	Kadare	Kadure	Ghoro	Goro
Cow	Pasu	Pashu	Āva	Ākaḷu, Gōva	Danam	Dana	Oyou	Oi
Dog	Nāy	Nay	Kukka	Nāy	Nai	Nai	Aleh	Allay
Cat	Pānni	Pācha	Pilli	Bekku	Kotti	Kotti	Bargeh	Berge
Cock	Sēval	Pāvankorhi	Punja	Hunja	Huja	Hunja	Chayokkeru	
Duck	Kulla vāta	Tārāva	Bāthu,	Bāthu,	Bāt	Simo batu	Batekeh	
			Āḷabāta	taḍiga				
Ass	Kazhudai	Kanbudha	Gāḍide	Katte	Klatte	Klatte	Gadagoro	
Bird	Pakshi	Pakshi	Pakshulu	Pakshigalu	Belṭ	Hakkilu	Puzu	Puj
Go	Pō	Pōga	Po	Hogu	Aifo	Hogu	Kāḷāh	Fka, kālah
Eat	Sāppidu	Tinauga	Thinu	Unnu	Tinn	Tinna	Lāpā	Zapa
Sit	Vutkāra	Irikkuga	Kārcho	Kutukollu	Neshkir	Kuli	Okāh	Oka
Come	Vā	Varuga	Rā	Ba	'twa, 'tva	Ba	Bārūh	Barah
Beat	Adi	Adikkuga	Kottu	Hodi	Pui	Hui	Bājia	
Stand	Nilfu	Nilkkuga	Nilavu	Nilla	Nellu	Nilla	EMh	
Die	Sāvu	Chāvuga	Chāvu	Sāyu	Ketṭ to	Ketṭ hogu	Tāḍura	
Give	Kodu	Kodukka	Yiggi	Kodu	Ta, kodu	Ta, kodu	Kata	Kata
Run	Oda	Oduga	Parugothu	Ōdu	Vodu	Vodu	Bongah	Bonga
Up	Mōlē	Midhe	Paṇa	Mōle	Mok	Mel	Mainieh	Meche
Down	Kilē	Tāsho	Kintha	Keligo	Erg	Kelage	Pichhi	

POLYANDRY IN THE HIMĀLAYAS.<sup>1</sup>

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If immorality of the worst description existed in juxtaposition with the most brilliant civilization of the Greeks, it will create surprise in no one to hear that chastity, as we understand the term, is a virtue scarcely known among the Mongolians who inhabit the northern confines of India. It is true, little is known of the Tibetans, very little indeed; and this is to be regretted, for they seem an intelligent people—capable, no doubt, of good and great things if brought under the continual influence of a higher life. But the little that is known of their state of morals does not prepossess us in their favour. When Marco Polo, in the twelfth century, reached that country, it had been recently ravaged by Manku Khān, the grandson of the great Jhangiz Khān; but though his knowledge was limited,—for he does not pretend to have travelled over the 80,000 square miles of Tibet,—he still had his attention attracted to the extraordinary immorality prevalent all over the country, so much so that he observes that no man of that country would, on any consideration, take to wife a girl who was a maid. Colonel Yule adds to that passage a learned note pointing out that similar corrupt practices are

ascribed to many nations; Martini says they prevailed in Yunnan; Garnier makes a similar observation respecting Sifan; Pallas mentions that young women among the Mongols are esteemed in proportion to the number of their love affairs; Japanese ideas of morality are not very different, and the most recent traveller in Eastern Tibet, Mr. Cooper, makes a similar observation about the people he came across.<sup>2</sup>

What has been said of the immorality of the Mongolians holds good in some respects of their neighbours the Pahlāvis, inhabiting the Himālaya mountains. Whether of Mongolian, Tatar, or of mixed Mongolian and Āryan descent, these highlanders have extremely loose ideas concerning morality generally, and matrimony especially. Obligated by their life of seclusion to adhere to the principle of absolute conservatism, it is by no means strange that their customs should still be primitive—as they may be called with a euphemistic license. But their primitiveness is not the primitiveness of innocence. 'The Abode of Snow' might lead one to expect, from a partial inspection of its fertile mountain slopes, flowing rivulets, irrigated

<sup>1</sup> Extracts from an article in the *Indian Evangelical Review*, vol. V. (Oct. 1877) pp. 193ff.; conf. Dr. Muir's

papers in *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. pp. 351, 315; and Mr. Kirkpatrick's letter, vol. VII. p. 98.

<sup>2</sup> Yule's *Marco Polo*, vol. II. pp. 33, 38-40.



valleys, and wooded glens, that the people who live among them would excel the natives of the plains in body as well as mind. And though, generally speaking, natural fearlessness, frankness, hardiness, and a superior physique may be conceded to them, they are certainly far behind the people of the plains in intelligence, shrewdness, quickness of intellect, and in that virtue which ought to exist in the relation between the sexes. Although I have never found an instance of hereditary cretinism, still there is an extraordinary heaviness about the brains of a *Pahārī* which makes him in many respects a totally unworthy opponent to a native of the plains when it comes to an encounter of wits. A *Banyā* coming from the plains has little difficulty, even without necessarily resorting to dishonesty, in enriching himself at the expense of the improvidently stupid hill-people. How far intellectual obtuseness is connected with moral unconsciousness is a question of some nicety, but the difficulty lies in striking the balance, as, after all, innumerable instances for and against such a proposition can be brought forward. However the case may be, the filth, the objectionable customs, the mental and moral obliquity of these hill tribes, attracted early the attention of Christian persons, with a view to establishing missionary centres, so as to bring them gradually to a better and nobler life. Thus Dārjiling was made a mission station in 1840, Almora in 1850, Sahāna was taken up by the American Presbyterians in 1837, Chambā by the Established Church of Scotland in 1863, Kangra by the Church Missionary Society in 1854, and the Moravians established in Kyelang a station in 1855. But perhaps the most important seat of missionary enterprise is Kōtgaḍh, situated on the extreme northern frontier of the British territory, on the highroad from the plains past Simla to Tātary. . . . .

The deplorable state of morality obtaining among the people of the Kōtgaḍh valley thirty-five years ago is graphically described in the Rev. W. Rabach's mission report published in 1873; and, being an authentic record, it may with advantage be here reproduced:—

"The hill states prior to the British conquest had for many years been subject to all the miseries of ruthless rapine and tyranny, both under the Gurkhā rule and under the government of their own native chieftains. The prevalent superstition betrays the most extreme ignorance. No ceremony is undertaken without duly offering a propitiatory sacrifice to some *devata*. Human sacrifices in former times were not unfrequently immolated at the shrines of their temples, but it is believed that, since British sway has been established, these impious barbarities are no longer practised.

Every accident or misfortune, however trifling, is connected with the evil agency of the *genii loci*, who are very numerous, having peculiar functions attributed to each: for example, some are believed to preside over the crops, and some to exercise an influence over the heart of man, some over the summits of mountains, sources of rivers, forests, &c., and large flocks of goats are carefully kept in most villages for sacrificial purposes.

"The sale of females, for the worst purposes of slavery, though carried on with secrecy and caution, is continued in various parts of the hill territory; and a frightful evil, which will be noticed below, may in a great measure be traced to this pernicious system. It is a notorious fact that for ages past the *zānānas* of the rich natives of the plains have been supplied with females from the hill regions; which, together with the cruel custom of female infanticide, has caused a disproportion between the two sexes, and given rise to the monstrous evil of polyandry, a practice which obtains throughout the country. Where females are so scarce, and where they are almost sure of commanding a price, it is not difficult to trace the motive for the perpetuation of such a crime as that of female infanticide. It seems improbable that the same feelings of jealous honour and false respect for family, which actuate the mind of the high-caste Rājput in India, can in any way influence the people of the hills, whose habits and practices are at total variance with their ideas.

"The very marriages of the people are strongly tainted with slavery, for no man can obtain a wife without paying a sum of money to her father. If she be turned out without a cause assigned, the purchase-money is retained until another marriage is contracted, when the first purchaser receives back his purchase-money. Thus the females in no respect appear to be above the condition of slaves, being considered as much an article of property as any other commodity. We could adduce other facts to show that vice added to ignorance goes hand in hand in reducing this class of human beings to the lowest level of existence."

A little further on, the report states that—

"Since the influence of the English government, based largely upon Christian morality, has been brought to bear upon these tracts, the disgusting custom of polyandry has disappeared. Not a single instance can be now adduced (in Kōtgaḍh of course) of many men having one wife, although increase of wealth has resulted in many persons acquiring by right of purchase more than one wife, because women, who all take their share in field work, are very valuable in these agricultural districts, where manual labour is an important consideration. But the British territory once



passed, especially towards the east, polyandry will still be found in Kannaar. The cause assigned is, however, not poverty, but a desire to keep the common patrimony from being distributed among a number of brothers. The result is that the whole family is enabled to live in comparative comfort."

Any one who has attempted to obtain original information from people who suspect evil intentions in every action or question of a European stranger will understand how difficult it is to verify statements, not to speak of collecting facts only conjectured. But, taking the observation of former travellers as a fact respecting the low state of morality among the hill people, it would be strange indeed to learn that they had become in course of a generation convinced of their pernicious practices, and had turned over a new leaf. And so it actually is. Though slavery is now abolished, the marketable value of a wife still exists. Moral perception is now no acuter than formerly, for it is nothing extraordinary to hear that two men disgusted with their wives have agreed to interchange them, hoping that a new arrangement in their domestic affairs would conduce to greater peace and comfort. But far worse, and a vice unknown to the Hindus of the plains, is the marriage within the prohibited degrees of relationship. Not that this practice is indeed very common, but its existence at all without being visited by the severest social penalties is a sign that domestic ties are not considered of a very sacred character. . . .

In a thoroughly conservative country like India, habits do not change *per saltum*, nor can much be effected in a decade; even half a century will produce no perceptible change in the more remote corners of the Himalaya. As regards polyandry, a glance at Fraser's *Journal of a Tour through part of the snowy range of the Himala Mountains* will give the reader a fair idea of its present condition. Speaking of the hill people it is stated—"Their custom of marriage and the general system with respect to their women are very extraordinary. It is usual all over the country for the future husband to purchase his wife from her parents, and the sum thus paid varies with the rank of the purchaser. The customary charge to a common peasant or zamindār is from ten to twenty rupees. The difficulty of raising this sum, and the alleged expense of maintaining women, may in part account for, if it cannot excuse, a most disgusting usage, which is universal over the country. Three or four or more brothers marry one wife who is the wife of all; they are unable to raise the requisite sum individually, and thus cleb their shares, and buy this one common spouse."

This account was printed in 1820. It is not surprising that when Fraser heard of this very revolting custom in the course of his travels he was further attracted, and made inquiries into the cause of the origin and continuance of so remarkable an inconsistency with all Hindu manners. He therefore relates that his informers, who were, on the whole, sensible and intelligent men, "unanimously admitted the universality of the custom, that it was usual to purchase wives, and that the zamindārs were too poor to be able to give from ten to twenty rupees for a woman, and therefore contributed their quota, and each enjoyed his share of the purchase. They often explained the modes usually adopted to prevent quarrelsome interference, and described everything as already detailed; but when I came to put questions relative to the disposal of the surplus of females they could give me no satisfactory answers whatever."

Supposing the above account to be correct,—and there is little reason to doubt it,—we have two things that require confirmation before the statement can be accepted as applicable after a lapse of more than fifty years—the universality of polyandry, and its causes. Fraser seems to think that the custom of having a community of wives would not exist but for the poverty of the hill people. But in that case it would have disappeared long since, or, if not, it could not possibly exist side by side with polygamy; whereas the fact is that instances have come to my notice of these two practices existing in one and the same family. Poor the hill people undoubtedly are, but there are few who are destitute. Ever since the English government was firmly established in the Panjāb, the inhabitants of the plains as well as the hills have benefitted by the gradual rise of the price of labour or of agricultural produce. If, therefore, any man finds that there are too many mouths to feed in his household, one or more of the grown male members must leave for a time their home and obtain work in the larger farms of a prosperous neighbour, or else go in quest of service in one of the numerous hill sanitariums. This, however, he abhors. He is constitutionally lazy, improvident, dirty, and immoral. If a crop is plentiful he will wastefully consume the whole outturn, instead of laying by a store for a possible bad season. He will not move twenty miles, as a rule, to earn a livelihood, and he does not cultivate more ground than is absolutely necessary to maintain himself and his family. Moreover, besides ploughing the fields and sowing the seed, he leaves the field work to be performed by the women—the weeding, the reaping, the thrashing, the garnering. The household duties, of course, fall upon the women.



If, then, the Pehâri is poor, it is chiefly his own fault, and the promiscuous and complicated connections he enters into cannot fairly be charged to his poverty. On the contrary, most of the cases of polyandry in the villages of the Kōtgaḥ district, in Bussahir and Kulu, are found among the well-to-do people; it is the poor who prefer polygamy, on account of the value of the women as household drudges.

Nothing, perhaps, will give a more vivid insight into the state of polyandry than one or two cases as they have actually occurred. In Pomelai, near Kōtgaḥ, there are two brothers, the elder of whom, Jhar, got properly married to his wife. Being of the Kanait caste, the ceremony was performed in the usual manner by a Brāhman. But, as these two brothers had a house and fields in common, it was privately arranged that the woman should also be the wife of the younger. The fruit of such a union does not generally give rise to disputes; the first-born child is always considered that of the eldest brother, the second that of the next. Legally, I believe, the children all belong to the eldest. No European would probably have become aware of the case at Pomelai, but for a violent quarrel which obliged Jhar to leave his wife to his younger brother, and seek for employment in the house of the missionary at Kōtgaḥ.

In another village, Mongsu, not far from Pomelai, there live three brothers in a family of high caste, the eldest of whom, Prima by name, married a woman who became afterwards the wife of the second, Gangā. The third brother, on the other hand,—Rattī,—has a separate wife.

The most complicated case of polyandry that has come to my notice is that at Kilba, in Kanawar, about a hundred miles from Kōtgaḥ. Rām Charn, the mukhid or head-man of the village, had three brothers,—Khatti Rām, Basant Rām, and another,—and these four brothers had only one wife in common. Her eldest son, Premasukh, was in 1870 about five-and-twenty years old, and her youngest seven or eight. These two, besides a girl called Sundri Dāsi, were the acknowledged children of Rām Charn, the mukhid. Khatti Rām had no children, but Basant Rām, the third brother, had first a girl, Amar Dāsi, aged eighteen, and two boys about fourteen and eleven. All six children acknowledged Rām Charn as head of the family. When Premasukh, the eldest son, who officiated as mukhid in the absence of his father, was married, it was well understood that his wife

would become the wife of all the brothers as they grew up, including the child then in his infancy. I hear this Premasukh lately married a second wife, as he had no family by the first. Again, the girl Amar Dāsi, daughter of Basant Rām, was not married until she was eighteen, because her father could not find any family which contained a sufficient number of brothers to make it worth his while to part with her. Eventually, however, she was married to an only son who was wealthy.

These three instances of polyandry are culled from a large number I made a note of, and it is hoped they will afford a general insight into the working of the system. But, with all due consideration to the high authority of Mr. Fraser, it is contended that polyandry, as it now exists in the Himālaya, is owing rather to the avarice and the brutish insensibility to, and absence of, general morality than to the poverty of the people. When several brothers agree to have a wife in common, it will be found that, though individually rich enough to keep a wife, there is some property they have, and which they do not wish to divide.

Fields, grazing-lands, or a forest, or all together, produce sufficient to keep a combined family in respectability, but if divided and again subdivided each part would at last be too small to support two or three people. Polyandry is thus in reality nothing more than a mere custom of community of wives among brothers who have a community of other goods.

Next, I must modify another statement in *The Journal of a Tour* quoted above. The practice of polyandry, so far as I have been able to learn, is not universal,—it can scarcely be called very common; and, considering what was said by the committee of the Kōtgaḥ Mission in 1841, there are visible signs, though small, that the custom is falling into disuse. If diligently searched, single cases of polyandry will be found in the Kōtgaḥ parganā, in Kulu, in the territory of the Rānā of Komarsen and Kaneti, and in Bussahir, and this not confined to any special caste, but among Brāhmanas, Rājputs, and Kanaitas without distinction. Though common enough in Kanawar at the present day, it exists side by side with polygamy and monogamy. In one house there may be three brothers with one wife; in the next three brothers with four wives, all alike in common; in the next house there may be a man with three wives to himself; in the next a man with only one wife.

## MISCELLANEA.

## THE FIREARMS OF THE HINDUS.

Many were the weapons of war in use amongst the Āryans, even so early as the Vedic period, such as the pās sēla, bagra, chakra, dhanu, &c.; and many more were invented in the ages of the *Rāmāyaṇa* and the *Mahābhārata*. The classification of these weapons, according to the *Agni Purāṇa*, is four-fold:—(1) Yantra-Mukta, (2) Pani Mukta, (3) Mukta-Mukta, and (4) Amukta.

Besides these weapons, there is mentioned another called the Agni Astra (firearm), but no description of it has been found in any Sanskrit work. The Sataghni, Professor Wilson supposes to be a firearm; but he gives no description of it. The Hindus had also another kind of weapon, called the Mahā-Yantra. It would thus seem that instruments like the cannon and the gun were early in use among them.

We shall describe the Agni Astra as given in the *Śukra-Nīti*, a work said to have been written by the sage Śukra-Āchārya; and we find mention of it in the *Agni Purāṇa* and in the *Mudra Rāksasa*. From the description we have here of the Nalika-Yantra and gunpowder, we are led to believe that these were in use amongst the Hindus at an early date.

## Nalika Yantra.

नालिकं द्विविधं तेषां बृहत्सुप्रविभेदतः ।  
विट्पूर्वम् छिद्रमूलं नातं पञ्चवितस्तिकम् ।

The *Nalika* is of two sizes—the larger and the smaller. It is about five spans in length, slightly bent in the middle and bored towards the bottom.

मूलाभयोर्लक्षणेन तिलविन्दुदुतं सदा ।  
बन्धावातामिकं पादपूर्वभूक्तं मूलकर्णकम् ।  
मुकाडोनाद्रुप्यञ्च नभानुलिखितान्तरम् ।  
स्थान्तेऽग्निचूर्णं सन्धानी घलाका संयुतं हृदम् ।

It should have, moreover, two notches, one at the top and the other at the bottom, for securing the aim, and an ear near the bore, and the flint for striking fire inserted near it. It is set in a wooden frame which elongates into a thin blade upwards, and has a hole in it of the width of the middle finger. It has further a ramrod for beating and settling down the powder.

लघुनालिकमप्येव प्रधातुं चित्ताविधिः ।  
व्यापायातु स्वर्गं सारं व्याप्यलविलान्तरम्  
व्यापीये बृहत् गोले दूरेवेति तथासया ।

This is the smaller *Nalika*. It should be used by infantry and cavalry. It is as thick as it is long, and thus capable of taking a long aim.

मूलकीलं प्रमादस्य समसन्धानमात्रं यत् ।  
बृहन्नालिकं संयुतं काष्ठपुत्रं विवर्जितम् ।

If this *Nalika* is thick and has no wooden frame attached to it, it is called the *Brihat-Nalika*.

प्रवाह्यं शकदाद्यस्तु सुयुतं विजयप्रदम् ।

It is sometimes so big that it requires to be drawn by a cart. It graces war and secures victory.

Gunpowder.

अग्नि चूर्णम् ।

सुर्विलवणात् पञ्चपलानि गन्धकात् पलम् ।

भन्तर्ध्वं त्रिपकाकंस्तुष्टयङ्गरतः पलम् ।

सुहासिमाद्यं सञ्चूर्णं सम्मील्य प्रपुटेद्वैः ।

स्मल्यकर्णं रसेनास्त्रं शोधयेत्ततः ।

पिष्टाद्यर्कं वसेत्तत्राग्निचूर्णं भवेत् सलु ॥

*Jaba-khar* (saltpetre), sulphur, charcoal of *Akanda* (*Calotropis gigantea*) (soaked in the milk of *Euphorbia nivulia*, and dried and then burned in closed pottery). All these ingredients should be reduced to powder and then mixed together in due proportions, and used as gunpowder in the *Nalika*.

गोलं लौहमयीं गर्भगुदिकः केवलोऽपि वा ।

सीतस्व लघुनालार्थं खन्धधानुमयीऽपि वा ।

लौहसारमयं चापि नालायां खन्धधानुमयम् ।

निरत्य सन्धानेन स्वच्छमस्ते पत्तिमिवावृत्तम् ।

Round and made of iron and fired with smaller bullets, or it is solid. It is used in the *Brihat-Nalika*. For the smaller, one small bullet of lead or other metal should be made. The *Nala* should be made of iron or of like metal, and kept constantly clean. This instrument is for infantry and cavalry.

क्षिपन्ति चाग्निबोणात् गोले लक्ष्येषु नालगम् ।

नालास्ते शोधयेदाहौ दद्यात्तत्राग्निचूर्णकम् ।

निवेद्यवेत्तहस्तेन नालमूले तथा हृदम् ।

तंतुं सुगोलकं दद्यात् ततः कर्णेऽग्निचूर्णकम् ।

कर्णचूर्णाग्निधानेन गोले लक्ष्ये निपातयेत् ।

The manner of firing the *Nalika* with bullets is as follows:—First clean the *Nalika* well, then pour in powder and shot, and stuff the bore with a little gunpowder. Thus loaded and fired, it is sure to do execution.

लक्ष्यवेदी तथा वातो धनुर्ज्वा विनिबोधितः ।

भवेत्तथातुसन्धाव ————

The bullet flies with the velocity of an arrow from a bow.

सर्वं नृनापिकैवशैरग्निचूर्णाब्जनेकाशः ।

कापयन्तिव तद्विद्याधन्त्रिका भावि मन्तिव ।

Besides the materials mentioned above for preparing gunpowder, many other ingredients were also known to adepts in the art, and used in different proportions for the same purpose: *Śukra-Nīti*, Section 4.

The ślokas, quoted here from the *Śukra-Nīti*, do not seem mere modern interpolations; but we stop here for want of sufficient corroborative evidence.

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ANTIQUITY OF INSURANCE IN INDIA.<sup>1</sup>

SIR.—I think "Cantab" has hardly evidence for saying that "the practice of insurance was common in India for many centuries before the Christian era." The text out of the ordinances of Manu; in the translation accredited by Jones, is—"Having ascertained the rates of purchase and sale, the length of the way, the expenses of food and of condiments, the charges of securing the goods carried, and the neat profits of trade, let the king oblige traders to pay taxes." One would think that if the king or his minister had got 'the neat profits' he would not trouble himself with the details; but, says the next verse, "As the leech, the suckling calf, and the bee take their natural food by little and little, thus must a king draw from his dominions an annual revenue."

I do not think we know enough of the state of mercantile law and custom in the days of these kings to assert that anything like a modern system of insuring goods was in vogue. Manu is very general; some of his dicta are like that decree of king Ahasuerus that "All the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both great and small." Just before the order for taxing the merchants, he says—"In every large town or city let him appoint one superintendent of all affairs, elevated in rank, formidable in power, distinguished as a planet among stars."

There is one other order very similar to that cited first, establishing what indeed has descended to very modern times, called mostly a *nirakā*—"Let the king establish rules for the sale and purchase of all marketable things, having duly considered whence they come and whither they must be sent; how long they have been kept; what may be gained by them, and what has been expended on them." In the translations of other ordinary authorities on Hindu law there is no trace of a system of insurance of goods, though much about deposit and bailment; and in practice in modern times, apart from an occasional copying of English

practices, there is no such thing as insurance, and there are no insurance companies.

The word *Yoga-Kshemam* is in every-day use among Brāhmanas for 'welfare,'—a complimentary expression,—but the dictionary also gives insurance as a meaning.

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## HYPAETHRAL TEMPLES.

There appears to be a considerable resemblance between the remarkable hypaethral temple lately described by Sir Walter Elliot (*Ind. Ant.* vol. VII. p. 19), and the Trimurti Kōvil at the foot of the Annamalai Hills in Koimbatour, noticed at page 36, vol. III. The Orissa temple is evidently much larger and more important, but the other one, so much further to the south, is situated in a locality of old doubtless equally wild, and even now sequestered and remote. The circle of images with faces turned inward—an arrangement I have never seen elsewhere—corresponds with "the open circular temple or enclosure of plain cut-stone" in Orissa, and, to the best of my remembrance, the images were backed by a low wall not reaching to their shoulders—an approach to an hypaethral structure. The principal figure in the Orissa temple "appeared to have three faces," and the figure indistinctly graven upon the great boulder overlooking the Koimbatour circle indicated three figures, doubtful whether united, but the place is called Trimurti Kōvil or Temple. It had all the look of extreme antiquity, was regarded with awe by the natives, who generally disliked approaching it, and seemed something quite apart from the ordinary temples and sacred resorts of these days. It were much to be wished that the locality could be visited and accurately described; it is but a morning's ride from the tālakā Kāśba town of Udumalapaṭa.

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## METRICAL VERSIONS FROM THE MAHĀBHĀRATA.

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*How Women ought to gain, and keep, their  
Husbands' affections.*

A free translation of parts of the *Mahābhārata*.  
Book III., verses 14649-14721.

[Of the two ladies who figure in the following dialogue, the first is Satyawatī, the wife of the renowned Krishna, the ally of the Pāṇḍava princes; while the second is Draupadī (as she is most commonly called by her patronymic, as the daughter of Drupada, although her proper name was Kṛishṇā), the wife of the five Pāṇḍava princes,

Yudhisṭhira and his brothers. Here we have a case of polyandry, which the *Mahābhārata*, in accommodation to later ideas, explains as originating in accidental and miraculous causes, although the custom is allowed, by some of the personages who appear in the poem, to have been one immemorially practised. Some indications of its (at least) occasional occurrence in the Panjāb in ancient times are found in two passages adduced in two papers communicated by me to the *Indian Antiquary* (vol. VI. pp. 251f., 315).<sup>2</sup> It is

<sup>1</sup> From the *Times*.

<sup>2</sup> See also M. Williams' *Indian Epic Poetry*, pp. 60f.

worthy of remark that Satyabhāmā is represented in the passage before us as seeking to bring her husband, Kṛishṇa, under subjection by some of the philtres which she supposes Draupadī to have found effectual with the Pāṇḍavas, although Kṛishṇa was, either at the time when this section of the *Mahābhārata* was composed, or somewhat later, regarded as an incarnation of Viṣṇu, or of Brahma (the supreme Spirit), and (unless his deification was a later event, or unless his higher was not supposed always to permeate his human nature), might have been supposed, by his divine omniscience, to be incapable of deception by the wiles of his wife. I may add that, at the time when the dialogue is related to have occurred, the Pāṇḍavas were living in the forests, in pursuance of an engagement to exile themselves from their kingdom for a certain period. (See Professor Monier Williams' *Indian Epic Poetry*, pp. 23 and 103.) The passage before us may doubtless be held to prove that in ancient days the women of India were in the habit of employing philtres of various kinds to gain or keep their husbands' affections. In other respects, and irrespectively of the dutiful, though exaggerated, sentiments which the second speaker expresses, it may possess some interest as a picture of ancient Indian manners.]

Two ladies fair, of high estate,  
Long parted, now again had met.  
The one herself could justly pride  
On being noble Kṛishṇa's bride;  
'The other ruled five princes' hearts  
With loving sway, by honest arts.  
Rejoiced each other now to see,  
They laughed and chatted, full of glee.  
In thought o'er all the past they ranged,  
And ancient memories interchanged.  
When this at length had found an end,  
The former thus addressed her friend :—

*Satyabhāmā.*

"How is it, dearest Kṛishṇā, say,  
That thou thy husbands so canst sway,—  
Those godlike princes, youthful, bold,  
Strong-limbed, and proud, and uncontrolled,—  
Who ever watch thy looks, to find  
What thoughts are passing in thy mind,  
And ne'er against thy rule rebel?  
Reveal, I pray, thy potent spell.  
By what devices, what finesse,  
Canst thou their proud self-will repress,  
And make them all thy power confess?  
Where lies thy strength? What philtres rare  
Avail to gain thine end? declare.  
Do rites, oblations, prayers, conduce  
To work thy will, or lore abstruse?  
Or is thy grand success the fruit  
Of any drug, or herb, or root?"

What art is thine, which fame ensures,  
And full connubial bliss secures?  
For I, too, seek to rule my lord:  
Thy methods tell; thy help afford."

These words when noble Kṛishṇā heard,  
She spake with grief and sorrow stirred :—

*Kṛishṇā (Draupadī).*

"Such questions vain befit not thee,  
A dame esteemed so sage to be.  
For all but heartless wives eschew  
Those wicked arts thou hast in view.  
Could any female merit praise  
For acts so shameful, schemes so base?  
When'er a hapless husband knows  
His foolish wife is one of those  
Who ply their lords with drugs and charms,  
His soul is racked by dire alarms,  
As any one is ill at ease  
Who in his house a serpent sees.  
How can he lead a happy life  
Who lives in dread of such a wife?  
How many men whose wives thus sin,—  
Who seek by drugs their lords to win,—  
To fell diseases fall a prey,  
Grow dropsied, leprous, pine away  
In sad and premature decay!  
Such madness could'st thou dare to share?  
For thine own lord such ills prepare?  
No wife has e'er, by drugs or charms,  
Won back a husband to her arms.  
Now, calmly hear how I proceed,  
Avoiding every tortuous deed.  
I seek to win my husbands' hearts  
By none but open, honest arts.  
And so their willing hearts I rule:  
I ne'er cajole them, or bafool,  
Nor e'er on charms or drugs depend,  
Their independent wills to bend.  
From anger, pride, and passion free,  
I serve my lords most zealously.  
Without parade of fondness, still,  
Submissive, I their wish fulfil.  
By fitting gestures, gentle speech,  
And mien, and acts, my goal I reach.  
Those lords, whose glance alone could kill,  
I please with all my might and skill.  
Though they are never harsh or rude,  
But always kind, and mild, and good,  
I act as if constrained by awe,  
And treat their slightest hint as law.  
No other object draws my love,  
On earth beneath, or heaven above.  
No handsome, wealthy, jewelled youth,  
No god, could shake my plighted troth.  
For no delight or joy I care,  
Unless my lords the pleasure share."



Whene'er their home they chance to leave,  
Dejected, pale, I fast and grieve.  
Their homeward safe return I greet  
With sparkling eyes, and welcome meet.  
Till all their wants are well supplied,  
I never for my own provide.  
At meal times, I, without delay,  
The food they love before them lay.  
Served up in golden platters fair,  
All burnished bright with constant care.  
My house is clean, and fairly swept,  
Well stocked and ordered, neatly kept.  
As friends I own, and talk with, none  
But virtuous women: bad I shun.<sup>1</sup>

From all such acts I ever shrink  
As wellbred dames unseemly think.  
Loud laughter, foolish jests, I hate,  
And constant loitering at the gate.  
My lords' behests I all observe,  
From these I could not bear to swerve.  
Just issued from the bath, and bright  
In fair attire, with jewels dight,  
Before my lords' appearing, I  
Delight their eyes to gratify.

Whatever usage, rule or rite,  
Whatever courtly forms polite,  
My husbands' sires observed of old,  
And they themselves in honour hold,  
All these with never-ceasing care  
I carry out; no toil I spare.  
And here the way their mother shows,  
Who all the past exactly knows.  
Her will I follow; her revere;  
And hold the noble woman dear.

By constant care, alertness, zeal,  
I seek to work my husbands' weal.  
Base women's wicked arts I shun;  
By nobler means my ends are won.

In happier days,<sup>2</sup> at sumptuous feasts  
We entertained eight thousand priests.  
Those Brâhman, learn'd and grave, in state

Their food from golden platters ate.  
And many other guests beside  
Were every day with food supplied.  
Whate'er within our household passed  
Was known to me from first to last.  
I knew the servants, one by one,  
And all they did or left undone.  
My husbands' hoards of gold I knew,  
Their income, all their outlay too;  
To me they left all household cares,—  
A mass of manifold affairs.  
On me this burthen all was thrown;  
This load I bore without a groan,  
And sacrificed my rest and ease,  
My work to do, my lords to please.  
I rose the first by dawn's faint light,  
Retired the last to rest at night.  
Such are the philtres, such the spells,  
Whose power my husbands' love compels.  
To please her lord a virtuous wife  
Should deem the object of her life.  
To him her thoughts should ever turn;  
With love to him her heart should burn;  
Her hope is he, her refuge, god;  
And all her acts should wait his nod.

In vain by ease is pleasure sought;  
By pains and toil alone 'tis bought.  
Strive, then, thy lord's esteem to win;  
A new career of love begin.  
Whene'er his step without the gate  
Is heard, start up, and on him wait.  
With cheerful tact his wishes meet,  
His palate please with viands sweet,  
His every sense with pleasure sate;  
Within thy home a heaven create.  
So doing, thou shalt make it clear  
That he to thee is very dear;  
And then, thy love perceiving, he  
With answering love will cherish thee.  
This course will bring thee high renown,—  
Thy life with bliss connubial crown.

(To be continued.)

## BOOK NOTICES.

THE VEDÂNTHATYATHA, or an attempt to interpret the Vedas (Añkās 1-11, April 1878 to February 1877). Bombay: Induprakāśa Press.

We had intended noticing this monthly publication at an earlier date, but as the commentary

and notes, as well as one of the translations, are in Marâṭhī, and only the second translation of the Vedic texts is given in English, it was difficult to find a qualified and independent critic. Scholars,

<sup>1</sup> Compare the *Troades* of Euripides, 647E., where Andromache says of herself:—

πρώτῃν μὲν, ἔνθα κἀν προσῆ κἀν μὴ προσῆ  
ψόγος γυναιξίν, αὐτοῦ τοῦτ' ἐφέλκεται  
κακῶς ἀκούειν, ἥτις οὐκ ἔνδοξον μένει,  
τούτου παρτίσιν πόθεν ἔμμενον ἐν δόμοις  
εἶσι γεμελῶν κομψά θηλειῶν, δευ-  
τέρῃ εἰσεφρονίμῃ, τὸν δὲ νοῦν διδάσκαλον  
οὐκ ἔχουσα χρηστὸν ἐξήρακον ἑμαί.

<sup>2</sup> In the first place, where (whether a slur already attaches

to a woman or not) this very conduct is sure to bring ill repute in its train, when one does not keep (*literally*, to her who does not keep) at home; giving up the desire of this, I used to stay within the house, and did not bring into it the clever sayings of women (i.e., their gossip, and romantic notions); but having my mind a good teacher by its own instinct, I was content with myself."—Paley.

<sup>3</sup> That is, while the Pāṇḍavas were at home, and in possession of their dominions. Some of the preceding details also, though expressed in the present tense, should—if the story is to be regarded as self-consistent—be referred to this earlier period.

both European and native, have testified their approbation of it. Its object is chiefly social and religious. "There are thousands of Brâhmanas," the editor remarks, "who know the whole of the *Rigveda* by heart, and can repeat it in Samhitâ, Pada, Gatâ, Ghava, and Krama, without making any mistakes [there are different methods of learning the *Veda*, by either reciting each word separately, or by repeating the words in various complicated ways]; there are probably not more than a dozen who have ever attempted to understand what the *Veda* contains. There are quite as many who can repeat the *Yajus* and also the *Sâma Veda*, though *Atharva-Veda*s are very few, at least in the Bombay Presidency."

Prof. Max Müller, in a paper on "The *Veda* and its Influence in India,"<sup>1</sup> taking this publication as his text, speaks of it thus:—"The translation now offered to the natives in Sanskrit, Marâthi, and English is chiefly intended to show what the *Veda* really contains, and especially to prove that those texts which are supposed to authorize modern rites and beliefs among the people do not authorize them. To this object the greater part of the notes are devoted. Thus the verse i. 6. 3, *Ketuṁ brîhman akṣtau* is repeated in a ceremony now performed to avert the ill-will of the imaginary planet *Ketu*. An ignorant priest, who only knew how to repeat the verse, at once connected the *ketum* of the verse with the planet *Ketu*, and accordingly taught that all the *Purâṇas* tell about *Ketu* was authorized by the *Veda*. A note of the translator fully explains this, and shows the simplicity of the religious conceptions of the Vedic Rishis as compared with those of their modern interpreters.

"We are told that, if the authority of the *Veda* is regarded as invulnerably sacred, the belief that it is impossible for any human being not inspired, like the old Rishis, to interpret the *Veda*, is almost as invulnerably firm. Hence the editor has adopted the following plan. He gives first the Samhitâ text of the *Rig-Veda* with the Pada text, because the Vaidik Brâhmanas regard the Samhitâ text alone as quite incomplete. He then gives a translation based as much as possible on the recognized commentary of Sâyaṇa. He does not, however, follow Sâyaṇa slavishly, but if he finds that the explanation of a word which that infallible commentator gives in one passage is impossible, he takes, whenever he can do so, another explanation of the same word given by the same writer in some other passage, thus shielding his departure from Sâyaṇa by the authority of Sâyaṇa himself. This rendering of the *Veda* into Sanskrit is chiefly intended for the old Shâstris, who despise all vernacular speech, and who would be

repelled still more by English. The Marâthi translation will find its way to the educated classes among the natives; the English is intended for that small but important class of Indian society which has adopted the language of the ruler as the *lingua franca* of the day. It is to be hoped that this important work may be continued, though it will probably take at least ten years to finish it."

THE LIFE OF JENGHIZ KHÂN. Translated from the Chinese. With an introduction by Robert Keanaway Douglas, of the British Museum, and Professor of Chinese at King's College, London. (London: Trübner & Co. 1877).

This little volume on the Life of the great Tatar conqueror Jenghiz Khân supplies, from Chinese sources, a record of his early life and of his victorious career in China, which are treated but cursorily in the Persian and Mongol historians, who concern themselves principally with his more western conquests. "It has been translated from the *Yuen Shê*, or 'The History of the Yuen dynasty,' by Sung Leen; the *Yuen shê hui pien*, or 'The History of the Yuen Dynasty classified and arranged,' by Shaoü Yuen-ping; and the *Shê wei*, or 'The Weir of History,' by Chin Yun-Seih. Each of these works contains facts and details which do not appear in the other two,"—and the translator has judiciously woven the three narratives into one connected history. But, to make the account of the conquests of Jenghiz more complete, he has preceded it by an introduction of about twenty-five pages, giving a brief sketch of the campaigns in Western Asia and Eastern Europe, drawn principally from the third chapter of Howarth's excellent *History of the Mongols*.

The translated narrative extends over 105 pages, and is a thoroughly readable chapter of a history that, with the exception of a few incidents, may doubtless be accepted as authentic and tolerably accurate in its details of the life of the man "whose armies were victorious from the China Sea to the banks of the Dnieper." It was the march of his Mongols that displaced the Ottoman Turks from their original home in Northern Asia, and thus "led to their invasion of Bithynia under Othman, and ultimately to their advance into Europe under Amurath the First."

The Chinese materials for these annals have been already drawn upon by continental scholars such as Fauthier, Hyscinthe, D'Obsson, Erdmann, Gaubil, Schott, Kavalevsky, and others, but this is their first appearance in an English dress. We hail the volume as an evidence of a growing interest in Oriental research, and hope Professor Douglas will be encouraged to undertake other versions.

<sup>1</sup> *The Academy*, Nov. 18, 1876, p. 501.



## THE THREE NEW EDICTS OF ASOKA.

SECOND NOTICE.

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(See *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. pp. 149ff.)

MY translation and analysis of General A. Cunningham's new Asoka edicts, published in vol. VI. pp. 149ff of the *Indian Antiquary*, have called forth two reviews in the *London Academy*, one by Mr. Rhys Davids,<sup>1</sup> and one by Professor R. Pischel,<sup>2</sup> in which my explanations of several important words have been found fault with, and the correctness of the historical inferences drawn from the inscriptions has been disputed. Mr. Rhys Davids has also devoted a couple of pages to the new edicts in an appendix to his work "On the coins and measures of Ceylon" (*Numismata Orientalia*, Part VI. pp. 57-60). As the latter work contains an analysis of the statements regarding Buddhistic

chronology, given in the *Dīpavamsa* and *Mahāvamsa*, as well as a very ingenious attempt to fix the date of the Nirvāṇa somewhere about 410 B.C., the author very naturally felt it necessary to deal with the somewhat inconvenient three edicts, which, if the interpretation given by me were right, would make his deductions valueless. The importance of the questions connected with the new inscriptions, and the consciousness that in my first notice some important points have been either entirely omitted, or rather touched than fully discussed, induce me to reply to the strictures passed on my article.

For the sake of ready reference I reprint the texts of the Sahaśrām and Rāpnāth edicts.<sup>3</sup>

## Sahaśrām.

Devānām piye hevaṃ ā[*hā*: sātīlekāni adhi]i-  
yāni savachhalāni, am apāsake sumi, na cha  
bāḍham palakamte.

Savimohhale sādhike, am [*sumi bāḍham pala-*  
*kam*]t[*e*].

Etena cha amtalena jambudīpasi amnisam  
devā[*hu*]sam, ta munisā misam deva katā.

Pala[*hamasi hi*] iyaṃ phale, [*n*]o [*cha*] iyaṃ  
mahatātā-vachakiye pāvutave.

Khudakena hi palakamaminenā vipule sung-  
[*e*] [*sa*]kiye ālā[*dhayita*]v[*e*].

Se etāye athāye iyaṃ sāvane:

Khudakā cha udālā cha palakamamtu, amā pi  
chaṃ

janamtu; chīlathitike cha palakame hotu.

Iyaṃ cha aṭhe vadhisati, vipulam pi cha va-  
dhisati, diyādhiyaṃ avaladhiyonā diyādhiyaṃ  
vadhisati.

Iyaṃ cha savane vivuthena; dūve sapaṃ-  
nālātisatā vivuthā ti (*ad n phra*) 256.

Ima cha atham pavatesu likhāpayā thāya;  
[*yala*] vā athi hete silāthambhā tata pi likhā-  
payā thāyi.

## Rāpnāth.

Devānām piye hevaṃ āhā: sātīlekāni  
adhitisāni va[*śā*], ya sumi pākā sa[*va*] ki, no  
cha bāḍhi pakate.

Sātīleke cha ehavachhara, ya sumi baka  
saṃgha-papite, bāḍhi cha pakate.

Yi imāya kālāya jambudīpasi amisā devā-  
busu, te dāni masā katā.

Pakamaai hi esa phale, vo cha esā mahatātā-  
pāpotave.

Khudakenā hi kapi parnamaminenā sakiye  
pipule pi svage ārodhave.

Etīya athāya cha sāvane kaṭe:

Khudakā cha udālā cha pakamamtu ti, atā  
pi cha

jānamtu; iyaṃ pakāre cha kiti? chīrathitike  
siyā. Iya hi aṭhe vadhi vadhisiti, vipula cha  
vadhisiti, apaladhiyonā diyādhiyaṃ vadhisati.

Iya cha aṭhe pavatesu lekhāpeta vātata hadha  
cha; aṭhi silāthubbe silāthambhāsi lākhāpeta  
vayata.

Etinā cha vayanenā yāvatakatu paka ahā'e,  
savara-vivase tavāyati. Vyuthenā sāvane kaṭe;  
(*śā n phra*) 256 satarivāsā ta.

## Rāpnāth.

sātīlekāni—bākā—pakamaminenā—cipule—ārodhave—  
pakare?—lekhāpeta [thāyi] ti—tavayati? tavayati?—vya-  
thana?

Mr. Rhys Davids suggests for sa[*va*]ki, sa-ko, I think unnecessarily. His correction vyuthena, is also unnecessary as the inscriptions show three instr. in eod. The real reading of the inscription is kaṭe, not kaṭa as he supposes.—*Num. Cr.* VI. p. 57, note 2.

<sup>1</sup> *The Academy*, July 14, 1877, p. 37.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* Aug. 11, 1877, p. 143.

<sup>3</sup> Corrections and vv. II. :—

Sahaśrām.

Savachhale — amnisam, — devā, — cha jānamtu, — sāvane. Mr. Rhys Davids in addition reads *sapaṃnālātisatā*, a correction regarding which I am still as doubtful as when I wrote my first article.—*Num. Cr.* VI. p. 57, note 1.

In my analysis of these edicts I stated—

*Firstly*, that the author must be a king, because he uses the ancient royal title, *Devānāṃpiya*, speaks of his greatness, and asserts that he caused a change of religion throughout India, and incised his edicts on rocks and pillars.

*Secondly*, that this king probably belonged to the third century B.C., and to the Maurya dynasty, on account of the title, which we know to have been a Maurya title, and on account of the alphabet employed in writing the inscription.

*Thirdly*, that he must have been a Buddhist, because the Mauryas were patrons of that sect, and because we have no evidence that the Jainas, the only other known sect which the terms employed in the inscriptions would fit, were patronized by a Maurya.

*Fourthly*, that as the author of the inscription was a Buddhist, the author of the sermon which the inscription quotes, the *Vivutha* or *Vyutha*, must be Śākyamuni Buddha, and that *vivutha* must mean 'the Departed,' or 'he who has passed away,' on account of the phrase *dve sapannāddhisatā vivuthā* (Sah. 6, 7), and that the word probably corresponded to Sanskrit *vivitta*.

*Fifthly*, that if the *Vivutha* was Buddha, the era used must be that of the Nirvāṇa, and that the explanation of *satavivāsā* by *īdāstri-vivāsāt*, 'from the departure, i.e. the death, of the teacher,' which I regarded as *probable*, confirmed this view.

*Sixthly*, that as the inscription belonged to a Buddhist and Maurya king, no one but Aśoka could be the author, as no other Maurya had ruled as long as thirty-four years, or been for so long a time a Buddhist; and

*Seventhly*, that the statements of the *Mahāvastu*, if correctly interpreted, showed that Aśoka had been a Buddhist for about thirty-four years, and might have been alive during the greater part of the year 257 after the Nirvāṇa.

In his first review (*Academy*, July 14th, 1877) of my article, Mr. Rhys Davids demurred to one point only, viz. to the explanation of the word *vivāsā* by 'death,' preferring to render it, 'in accordance with classical usage,' by 'abandoning his home' or 'becoming an ascetic,' and assumed that the era used was not that of Buddha's Nirvāṇa, but that of the Great Renunciation.

He further stated that even if my interpretation were correct, and the era used were that of the Nirvāṇa, the inscription would only prove that the Buddhists *believed* the Nirvāṇa to have taken place 257 years before the 34th of Aśoka's conversion, and *not* that it *actually did* take place at that time. He finally suggested that the opening sentence of the edicts might mean that the gods of Jambudvīpa, who had hitherto held aloof from men (i.e. the Buddhist deities), had been caused to mingle with them.\*

Next, Professor Pischel, in a note on the inscription (*Academy*, Aug. 11, 1877) objected to my view that the edicts belonged to Aśoka. He declared my explanations of *vivutha*, *vyutha*, and *sata* to be inadmissible. The former two words he identified with the Sanskrit *vyushita*, the past part. pass. of *vivas*, 'to depart,' and translated them by 'he who has departed from life.' *Sata* he declared to be the Sanskrit *sattoa*, 'life,' and explained the phrase *satavivāsā* by *sattavivāsāt*, 'since his departure from life.' He further contended that, as neither of these terms nor any other word was clearly of Buddhist origin, nothing remained to connect the inscriptions with Aśoka. He therefore took them to be Jaina, and expressed his conviction that the *Vivutha* must be Mahāvīra, for which view he adduced a phrase, 'from the departure,' occurring in Stevenson's *Kalpa-sūtra*, p. 95. He finally ascribed the inscriptions to Aśoka's grandson Sampadī, whom, as I had stated, the Jainas represent to have been a patron of theirs.

Finally, Mr. Rhys Davids, in the appendix to the *Numismata Orientalia*, Pt. VI. pp. 57-60, once more reviews the whole question. Influenced by Professor Pischel's criticism, he no longer confidently attributes the edicts to Aśoka, but thinks that my arguments for that view are not sufficient. He repeats Professor Pischel's assertion that the terms employed in the edict may be Jaina as well as Buddhist; he also points out that *Devānāṃpiya*, the Jaina form of *Devānāṃpiya*, is used by the latter as a polite form of address to inferiors and women. Hence he thinks that my strongest argument for the identity of the author of the edicts with Aśoka, drawn from the fact that he was the only *Devānāṃpiya* who in the third century of the Buddhist

\* As I shall not recur to this remark, I may as well state that the explanation of *misam*, by *mīra*, seems to me very improbable.



era was a zealous Buddhist, and reigned more than thirty-four years, falls to the ground. He, however, does not go so far as to absolutely reject the authorship of Aśoka; but he would, in case that were proved, adhere to his former explanations of *viśāsa* by *abhinikkhamana*, or 'turning ascetic,' and take *viññātha-vyūṣṭha* for an equivalent of *vyūṣṭha-vyūṣṭha*, and in the sense of *pravrajita*. He combats Prof. Pischel's explanation of *satavivāsa*, and he also gives Professor Jacobi's authentic text of the passage from the Jaina *Kalpadra* to which Professor Pischel had referred, and shows that it affords no countenance to the identification of the *Viññātha* with Mahāvira or, to call him by his correct name, Nirgrantha Jñātiputra.<sup>2</sup> The result at which Mr. Rhys Davids arrives is that the inscriptions afford no assistance for determining the date of the Nirvāṇa, that they may be either Jaina or Buddhist, and that everything connected with them is exceedingly uncertain and doubtful.<sup>3</sup>

These reviews contain the following points which require consideration:—(1) whether the inscriptions really contain nothing that connects them with Aśoka, and shows them to be Buddhist; (2) the etymology of the terms *Viññātha-Vyūṣṭha* and *Sata*; (3) the explanation of the word *viśāsa* by *abhinikkhamana*, 'the Great Renunciation.' To the discussion of these points I shall have to add an inquiry regarding Mr. Rhys Davids's adjustment of the date of the Nirvāṇa. For it is evident that if his deductions from the texts of the *Dīpaṇṭha* and of the *Mahāvastu* are correct, and the Nirvāṇa has to be placed about 410 a.c., the Ceylonese date for Aśoka's coronation, 219 a.c., with which, according to my interpretation, the date of the inscriptions agrees, must necessarily be wrong. I shall also have to consider his remark that in the most favourable case the new edicts prove only the belief prevailing in Aśoka's time regarding the date of the Nirvāṇa, not the actual date itself; and to add a

few further facts bearing on the interpretation of the edicts, which I omitted in my first notice.

As regards the first point, I regret that I cannot agree either with the method employed by my critics in their discussion of the authorship of the edicts, nor with their results. In my opinion, the question if the terms *saṃgha*, *upāsaka*, *śrāvaka*, *viññātha-vyūṣṭha*, *sata*, *Devānāṃ piye* are exclusively Buddhist, or if they have been used by Jains, Brahmans or other sects also, as well as the etymology of *viññātha-vyūṣṭha* and *sata*, affect the chief problem very little. I have myself stated that some of these words were used by two sects, and I have no doubt that all of them were current in the fourth and third centuries b.c. among the adherents of various sects. In some cases actual proof for this belief can be furnished. I have given two possible etymologies for *viññātha*, and nine for *sata*, and I now regret that I did not add two more for the former word, as my doing so might have made it clearer how little I relied on them. The chief problem—the question who was the author of the new edicts—has to be solved in an entirely different manner, viz. by a careful comparison of the old Aśoka edicts, and of the other known Prakrit inscriptions with the new edicts. If that comparison is duly made, I think it will be found that there is a good deal to connect the new inscriptions with Aśoka, and that their authorship is not even doubtful. If my critics, in answer to this defence, charged me with having neglected to state my case clearly, and to put forward in a prominent manner all the points which prove Aśoka to be the author of the three edicts, I should feel obliged to plead guilty. But I should urge in extenuation that I trusted to their knowledge of the old Aśoka edicts, which would enable them to recognize at once the family likeness existing between the old and new sets, and to supply my omissions. I must also confess that the decided opinion of General Cunningham, who, long before the inscriptions came into my hands,

<sup>2</sup> The discovery of the real name of the founder of the Jainas belongs to Professor Jacobi and myself. The form Jñātiputra occurs in the Jaina and Northern Buddhist books; in Pali it is Nātiputta, and in Jaina-Prakrit Nāyaputta. Jñāta or Jñāti appears to have been the name of the Rajput clan from which the Nirgrantha was descended.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Rhys Davids does not discuss Professor Pischel's conjecture which makes Sāmpadī the author of the edicts. I shall follow him in this respect, and merely remark that Sāmpadī is, according to the Buddhists and

the Jainas, the grandson of Aśoka, and that the first author of certain data who gives the history of his conversion to Jainism by Sāhastī and of his benefactions is Hemachandra, the contemporary of Kumārpāla (1173 a.c.). Hemachandra's account is purely legendary and unhistorical. The tradition that Sāmpadī was a protector of the Jainas is, however, old. Sāmpadī may be merely another name of Daśaratha, who appears in his stead in the Brahmanical *vijñāna*, or he may be a distinct person. But the information regarding him is too vague to afford a basis for any historical speculations.

recognized their origin,<sup>2</sup> as well as the agreement of other eminent epigraphists with his and my conclusions, influenced the manner in which I put the case. I can now only express my regret that I have not been explicit enough, and arrange the decisive arguments in the proper manner. The case may be stated as follows:—

We possess a large number of inscriptions which, according to the *consensus communis* of all competent scholars, belong to the Maurya Aśoka. These inscriptions are written in the peculiar characters which are usually called Pali or Lāl, and which I prefer to style Maurya. These inscriptions, further, are written in a number of Prakrit dialects, which differ from all those known from other sources, and which vary according to the provinces where they are found. They are distinguished by a very peculiar style, and by their moralizing, sermonizing contents. In the latter respect they are unique, utterly different from the inscriptions of all other Indian princes. They are further incised both on rocks and pillars, in slightly varying recensions. Their author calls himself usually Devānām Piye Piyadasi, and in some cases simply Devānām Piye.

If we now turn to the new edicts, we find that they closely resemble the old ones in every one of the details mentioned. The new edicts, too, are written in the Maurya characters; they, too, show different dialects, according to the districts where they were incised. Their vocabulary is, with the exception of two or three words, identical with that of the old edicts. The grammar of the Sahasrām edict perfectly agrees with that of Aśoka's Māgadha edicts. The Rūpnāth edict, which comes from the Central Provinces, agrees in some particulars more with the Saurāṣṭra inscriptions of Girnār, and is in other respects independent, though it comes nearer to the Aśoka forms than to any other. As regards the style, we find the

well-known formulas and turns: "The beloved of the gods speaketh thus", "This manner of acting should be what? of long duration", and so forth. The contents, too, agree so far with those of the old pillar or rock inscriptions that they are a sermon,—not historical matter, such as we are accustomed to find in other inscriptions. The new edicts, just like the old ones, further give variations of one and the same text, and contain the explicit statement that they too were incised on rocks and pillars. Finally, their author, too, calls himself Devānām Piye.

Where we have so many points of agreement between two sets of inscriptions, the obvious inference is that both proceed from the same author. The only way to bar this conclusion would be to show that the facts on which it is based are susceptible of some other explanation. My critics have not done much in this respect. Professor Pischel is entirely silent regarding the close resemblance of the new edicts to the old ones. Mr. Rhys Davids occupies himself only with the title *Devānām Piye*, which he thinks may have been used by Jaina kings and others also. In support of the latter assertion he adduces the Jaina-Prakrit term *Devānāpīya*, which in the *Āgamas* of the Jaina sect is frequently used as a polite form of address. I, too, believe that *Devānām piye* was not a title peculiar to Buddhist kings, but one common to the Mauryas and their contemporaries, whether they were Buddhists or not. Originally, it seems to me, it must have been invented by Brahmans, because Buddhists or Jainas would hardly care much whether they were the beloved of the gods, i.e. of beings to whom they paid but little reverence, and whom they considered perishable like themselves.<sup>3</sup>

That, however, is not very important. Taken by itself the title does not prove much. It merely shows that the author was a king of the fourth or third century B.C. But it is of

<sup>2</sup> See now *Corp. Inscr. Ind.* vol. I. pp. 20 et seq., which were printed before my article was written.

<sup>3</sup> Though I thus agree with Mr. Rhys Davids in his chief statement, I regret that I cannot use the force of the argument employed by him. I am unable to understand what the Jaina address *Devānāpīya*, which, as far as my observation goes, is invariably used by superiors speaking to inferiors,—e.g. by Yatis speaking to their pupils or to Śrīrakas, by husbands to their wives, &c.—is to prove with respect to the self-given title of great kings. It seems to me that the royal title, the Jaina mode of address, and the Brahmanical use of *Devānām piye* to denote 'an idiot,'

are caused by three entirely different currents of thought; and that a derivation of the one from the other is very improbable. *Devānām piye* means, etymologically, 'dear to the gods.' The early Indian kings, who elsewhere are declared to be incarnations of deities, called themselves 'dear to the gods' in order to indicate their divine right. The early Jainas employed it as a form of polite, or rather humane address, recommending thereby the person spoken to to the protection of the gods,—'you who may be dear to the gods.' Compare the use of *dyushman*, 'you who may live long.' The later Brahmans, finally, called idiots by this name, because such persons were considered to stand in the particular keeping of the gods.



great value if taken as a link in the long chain of circumstantial evidence which connects the inscriptions with Aśoka. The same remarks apply to the alphabet used. Other kings besides Aśoka did use it, and its occurrence in the new edicts shows only, like the title *Devānāṃpiya*, the period to which the inscriptions belong. It may also be contended that other kings besides Aśoka used some of the words and the grammatical forms occurring in the two edicts. We have some evidence to this effect in the Khandgiri and the Daśaratha inscriptions, and the supposition is not more than reasonable. But with respect to the peculiar turns of expression and the style of the inscriptions, the same reasoning does not hold good. The style of a man reveals, as is generally allowed, his individuality as much as his handwriting or his general deportment. If, therefore, particular resemblances in this respect are observable between two sets of compositions, something more definite than a vague assertion that others too may have employed phrases like *Devānāṃ piya havām āhā, vipula svaga sakiye āśādhave* or *iyu pakāre kiti chiraṇṇitike siyā*, is required in order to preclude the obvious inference to be drawn from their occurrence in both. In like manner, there is only one way to account for the fact that both sets of edicts contain sermons preached by a ruler of "all the Indies" to his subjects, and that both give original texts, different redactions of which were placarded, so to say, in different places and dialects on "rocks and pillars" for the enlightenment of the multitude. We have many hundreds of Indian inscriptions, issued by hundreds of different kings, but there is not one document which resembles Aśoka's edicts in this respect, and there is not one king who tried to convert his subjects to a particular creed, and to keep them in the paths of virtue and morality by means of *affiches officielles*. Here, too, the individuality of the author reveals itself, and, as long as it is not shown that others besides Aśoka actually adopted the same plan, the resemblance of the two sets of edicts in this respect admits only of one explanation, viz. that they belong to the same author. If, now, the other points mentioned above, the identity of the alphabet, of the vocabulary and grammar, and of the author's title, are taken into account, it is, I think, not too much to say that

the edicts not only contain something connecting them with Aśoka, but that they furnish as strong proof as circumstantial evidence can afford that they actually proceeded from the great Maurya Buddhist.

As regards the question whether the edicts contain any Buddhist terms, I will point out one word, which my critics have overlooked, viz. *ahhlo* (R. 5). I have translated this by 'thought,' relying on the explanation of *āhāra* given in Childers' *Pali Dictionary*.<sup>\*</sup> I do not think that the passage can be taken otherwise than I have done, and the silence of my critics seems to indicate that they agree with me. But if that is so, then *ahhlo* is a specially Buddhist word, which in this sense has been traced neither in Brahmanical nor in Jaina books. The matter is, however, of small importance. For, as the inscriptions belong to Aśoka, all the doubtful terms must be Buddhist. *Upāsaka* and *sāvaka* must mean 'a lay Buddhist,' *saṅgha* must denote the community of Buddhist ascetics, and the *Vivutha* or *Vyntha*, whatever the etymology of the words may be, must be Śākyamuni-Gautama.

In turning to the consideration of Professor Pischel's criticisms on my explanation of these two terms, I must premise that I fully agree with his assertion that Sanskrit *vyushita* and *vyushṭa* phonetically correspond to *vivutha* and *vyntha*. I may add that this phonetic correspondence was known to me from Childers' *Pali Dictionary* when I wrote my first article, as well as the phonetic identity of Sanskrit *vyuttha* (*vi+ut+sthā+a*) with the same two terms of the edicts, and that several scholars had pointed it out to me before Professor Pischel's letter appeared. But I must demur to Prof. Pischel's statement that, on account of this phonetic identity, my explanation is "quite untenable." For, considering the fact that Prakrit words are corruptions, which may have originated in many ways, and that all Prakrits, but especially those used in the inscriptions, frequently show a want of fixedness both as to orthography and grammar, phonetic identity is neither the only nor even the chief point to look to in the interpretation of doubtful words. In attempting to explain *Vivuthanā* and *Vynthanā*, the correct method is to begin, not with the etymology, but with the sentence *duce*

\* See also Sp. Hardy, *Manual*, pp. 499, 500.

*śarpaindrlātīsatā vivuthā*, in which, as well as in the parallel passage of the Khandgiri inscription, *tathā vivuthe vasa*, *vivutha* is used, not as an appellative noun, but as a verbal form, and cannot mean anything but 'passed, gone.' This is a translation, with which neither Professor Pischel nor Mr. Rhys Davids finds fault. The next question is whether the same meaning answers in the case of *Vivuthendā*. There can be no doubt that it does. For Buddha may fitly be called 'the Departed,' or 'he who has passed away,' since at his death he obtained freedom from future births by entering *Nirvāṇa*, whatever notion the early Buddhists may have connected with this term. This is the way in which I arrive at the meaning 'by the Departed' for *Vivuthendā*, which of course must also be that of *Vyuthendā*. I do not rely on any etymology, as Professor Pischel thinks. As the meaning of the term is thus fixed by the aid of parallel passages, the etymology has only a secondary importance, though, of course, it must be looked to. Now the Sanskrit *vyushita* or *vyushṭa*, no doubt, phonetically corresponds to *vivutha-vyutha*. This etymology might also suit the noun *vivutha*, but it does not fit the participle *vivuthā*, in the *Sahasrām* date. For *duḥ śatpañchākādātike kate vyushite* or *vyushṭe* is a phrase inadmissible in Sanskrit, where *vivas* is not used for 'to elapse,' and *vyushṭa*—a derivative of *vas* 'to shine,'—means 'having broken or begun.' Nor has it been shown that the verb acquired this meaning in any of the Prakrits. It is therefore necessary to look for some other etymology, and the verb the past participle of which comes nearest to the two forms, is the Sanskrit *viṣrit*. In the Prakrits of the dramas *ṣrit* usually makes *vutṭa*, and in Pali *vutta*, *vatta*, or *vatta*. The compound verb *viṣrit* means in Sanskrit 'to turn round, to roll away, to pass,' and the meaning of its past participle exactly corresponds to the sense which *vivutha* has in the *Sahasrām* date, and in the passage of the Khandgiri inscription. This etymology also fits the noun *Vivutha-Vyutha* perfectly. For, though Śākyamuni is now here called *vivutta* or *viṣatta*, still the neuter *viṣattam*, according to Childers' *Dictionary*, means 'absence of *vatta* or transmigration, Nirvāṇa.' Hence the masculine

*vivatto* or *vivutto*, whether taken as past part. of *viṣatt*, or as a compound formed of the particle *vi* and the noun *vatta*, is a suitable name for Śākyamuni, and it may be reasonably expected that a more complete investigation of the *Bauddha Āgamas* will show its actual occurrence. But, whether this expectation is fulfilled or not, the existence of the neuter affords a powerful support to the proposed etymology.<sup>10</sup> The phonetic difficulty which the latter presents, viz. the irregular appearance of an aspirated *th* i.e. *thha*, instead of unaspirated *ta* (*tta*), appears less important in consequence of the following considerations. Firstly, in the various Prakrit dialects aspirated letters do frequently appear for the corresponding unaspirated ones. Secondly, there are several cases where this change is observable in past part. pass. Thus we find in Jaina-Prakrit *paṣaḍha* for *praṣṛita*, *ṣaḍha* for *uṣṛita*, and *samaṣaḍha* for *sama-vasṛita* (Müller, *Jaina Prakrit*, p. 26). Further, in modern Gujarāṭi there is a whole series of verbs which form their past participles in *dho*, *dhi*, *dhuh* : e.g. *khā-vuṇi*, *khāḍho*, *pī-vuṇi*, *pīḍho*, *de-vuṇi*, *diḍho*. The last example is most to the point, as *diḍho* stands for an ancient Prakrit form *ditṭa*, which, though hitherto not traced, can be inferred from Kāśmīrī *dyuṭa*, genitive *dit-iṣ*, and also, from the corresponding Sindhi form. Thirdly, it must not be forgotten that in all Prakrits the letters *r* and *ṛi* cause aspiration, though the dialects of Aśoka's edicts do not usually show this influence, like the Pali and the dialects employed in the dramas and poetry. The *ṛi* or *r* which stood in the original of *vivutha* may therefore also have contributed to the development of the aspirate. Finally, the derivation of the two forms from *viṣritta* has this advantage, that it will fit *vyathā*, which may be read, and has been read by General Cunningham, instead of *vyuṭha*. For we have in Jaina-Prakrit *viyathā* for *viṣritta*. I have adopted the reading *vyuṭha* in the transcript of the text, because a little stroke seems to protrude under the *vy*, but the reading is not beyond doubt. I do not think that it can be settled definitively without a fresh and very careful examination of the stone. It may remain doubtful even after that has been done, as the group of letters

<sup>10</sup> This will become clearer by a comparison of *santa* : *ṣanta*, the neuter of which *ṣantam* means *Nirvāṇa*, while the masculine *santo* is used as an epithet of Buddha, and

occasionally as a proper name. Now *santam* : *santo* - *viṣattam* : *vivatto*.



seems to be damaged. In concluding this discussion I will repeat that I do not consider the etymology proposed very important for my chief point, and will add that I consider it is a *pis aller*. I should prefer one where the phonetic correspondence with the Sanskrit would be exact, if it were suitable in other respects. If it could be shown, for instance, that *vivas* had the meaning of 'to elapse,' I should be ready to accept the derivation from that verb. Without that proof I feel unable to rely entirely on the phonetic laws, because, as stated above, the Prakrit dialects, and especially those of Aśoka's inscriptions, are deficient in that fixedness of orthography and grammar which is required in order to give to phonetic correspondence a paramount importance.

Professor Pischel's rendering of the last word of the Rūpnāth edict, *satavivāśā*, I am likewise unable to agree to, though I admit that *sata* does phonetically correspond to *sattva*, and ought to be added to my list of possible Sanskrit equivalents. The sense requires that the first part of the compound should contain the designation of the person whose *viśā* or departure is referred to. *Sattvivāśāt* would mean 'since the departure of life,' *prānasya apagamāt*, not 'since his departure from life,' as Professor Pischel renders it. The numerals together with this compound form one sentence, and are not connected with the preceding *vyūṭhānā ādravaṇaḥ*. Hence the *hi* does not readily suggest itself. If, however, it is considered too unsafe to interpret *sata* by *īśā*, it may be taken as an equivalent of *lānta* or *sat*, which both suit Buddha very well, and which, according to the analogy of *pakate* for *pakrāntaḥ*, and *yāvata* (*kata*) for *yāvanta*, would exactly correspond to *sata*. I, for my part, however, adhere to the explanation by *īśā*, which, as Pali *atta* for *astu* shows, might become *satta* or *sata*.

I, now, come to the meaning of the word *viśā*, which Mr. Rhys Davids, appealing to classical usage, takes as an equivalent of *abhinikkhamana*, 'the departure from home,' 'the renunciation of domestic life.' I am unable to understand on what classical usage he bases his interpretation. I have never found the verb *vivas* or any of its derivatives used as a synonym for *pravraj*, nor has Mr. Rhys Davids brought forward any passages supporting his notion of the classical usage of *vivas*. As far as I know, *vivas* has only

one technical meaning, viz. 'to go into exile,' and its causative *vivāśay* accordingly means 'to banish.' If Mr. Rhys Davids is unable to bring forward passages which show that our dictionaries are defective, and that *vivas* means also 'to renounce domestic life, to turn ascetic,' his appeal to classical usage is useless. Classical usage supports neither his nor my rendering. But analogous transitions of meaning in the case of other verbs may be brought forward in support of both translations. Some Sanskrit verbs which mean 'to depart, to go forth,' acquire the secondary signification 'to renounce domestic life,' and some develop the meaning 'to die.' To the first class belong *pracraḥ* and *nishkram*, 'to go forth,' as well as *abhinishkram*, literally 'to go forth towards.' The second change is much more common. We have firstly *pra-*, 'to go forth,' which is one of the commonest terms for 'to die.' There is secondly *gata*, which, like the compound *viyam*, means 'to die,' while *anugata* means 'to die after a person,' and *sahagata* 'to die with somebody.' *Prasthā*, too, and its derivative *prasthāna* are used for 'to die' and for 'death.' *Pravāsa* also appears to have developed the same secondary meaning (though I find no passages quoted for it), as *pravāśanā*, a derivative of its causal, is stated to mean 'killing.' This list might be enlarged, but the examples quoted are sufficient to show that Sanskrit, like all other languages, uses words meaning 'to depart' for 'to die.' I may add, however, that even in the present day it is usual among Pandits, when speaking of the decease of Gurus or parents, to use the tenderer and more reverential expressions, *mārgaṇḍi abhāt*, *kailāsaṁ gataḥ*, or *prasthitaḥ para-lokaṁ gataḥ* instead of the more matter-of-fact *mṛitaḥ*. If we now return to the phrase *sata-vivāśā*, both Mr. Rhys Davids and myself agree that the first part of the compound denotes a person—either Śākyamuni or somebody else. The second part cannot, therefore, have its etymological and primary meaning 'departure, or starting.' It must have been used in a secondary sense. Now, as has just been shown, on purely philological grounds two explanations are possible. *Viśā* may either mean 'the renunciation of domestic life' or 'death.' Which, then, is the one to be adopted? I answer the latter, because we know that both Buddhas and Jains began their eras with the death of their found-

ers. If Mr. Rhys Davids wishes to make his explanation probable, he will have to show that the Bauddhas, or at least some other Indian sect, reckoned also from the Great Renunciation of their founders. The same objection must be made to his explanation of *Vieutha-Vyutha*. Supposing it were proved that these two terms corresponded to *vyushita-vyushita*, they could only be rendered by 'the Departed,' or 'he who is dead.' These remarks will suffice to show that neither Professor Pischel's objections, which are quite worthy of his reputation as a grammarian, nor Mr. Rhys Davids' new rendering of *vināsa*, can exactly be called unanswerable, or be said to render my explanation of the edicts untenable.

I now turn to the consideration of Mr. Rhys Davids' date of the Nirvāṇa, which, if correct, would entirely destroy the remarkable agreement between the edicts as interpreted by myself and the statements of the Ceylonese chronicles. This agreement is visible especially in two points:—

1stly, in the length of membership of the Buddhist sect assigned to Aśoka both by the edicts and by the chronicles; and

2ndly, in the fact that the year 257 A.D., which I have taken to be the date of the edicts,<sup>11</sup> apparently was, according to the statements of the *Mahāvaṃsa*, the last year of Aśoka's life.

The force of the former point has been acknowledged by Mr. Rhys Davids, who declares (*Num. Or.* VI. p. 59) the fact that while the *Devānām Piye* of the new inscriptions speaks of his having been an *upāsaka* for thirty-three years and a half, and that we know of no king of the third century A.D. but Aśoka who reigned more than 34 years,—to be my strongest argument for the identification of the two. I have already stated that the strongest argument for the identification of our *Devānām Piye* with Aśoka lies in the family likeness of the old and the new edicts. But, as we have a case of circumstantial evidences only, it is no doubt indispensable that the results gained by interpretation should agree with the facts known from other sources. I do not consider this agreement, therefore, as a matter of small im-

portance. It is, on the contrary, as essential as the arguments given above. In order to show the full importance of the fact mentioned in the edicts, that *Devānām piye*, a ruler of the whole of Jambudvīpa, was a member of an heretical sect for more than thirty-three years, I will point out that according to the Buddhist chronicles the only kings in the first three centuries A.D. who reigned longer than thirty-three years were Bimbisāra and Aśoka, and that according to the *Parāṇas* no Maurya king except Aśoka occupied the throne for so long a period.

The second point, the very remarkable fact that, while the inscriptions are dated in the year 257 A.D., the statements of the Ceylonese chronicles permit us to infer that Aśoka was alive during a portion of the year 257, has not been noticed at all by Mr. Rhys Davids. The reason for this omission probably is his distrust of the date, 219 A.D., which the *Dīpavamsa* and the *Mahāvamsa* give for Aśoka's coronation. According to Mr. Rhys Davids, this is an invention of the southern Buddhists, or rather a mistake caused by an erroneous addition of certain figures in their list of Theras. The real distance between the Nirvāṇa and Aśoka's accession to the throne is, according to his calculation, not upwards of 218 years, but 150 years only. If Mr. Rhys Davids were right, and the genuine tradition of the southern church showed the shorter period only, the agreement between the edicts and the chronicles would certainly be of no importance for my view. It would, on the contrary, tend to prove that my explanation must be wrong. For the latter can only hold good if the date 219 A.D. for Aśoka's coronation either is really genuine, or at least is derived from a calculation made during the reign of Aśoka and before the incision of the three edicts. It must be wrong if the coronation date had been settled later in Ceylon and were based on a mistake. Under these circumstances I am compelled to examine closely Mr. Rhys Davids' chapter on the Ceylonese date of Buddha (*Num. Or.* VI. paras. 82-124), and to institute an inquiry as to whether his objections to the date 219 A.D. for Aśoka are really valid.

<sup>11</sup> I must add that the date of the inscriptions may be 256 A.D., if we assume that the figure refers to the current year. In my first article I referred it to the number of completed years in accordance with Prinsep's dictum,

Essays, II. 165, note 1. I did this, not because I was fully convinced of the correctness of Prinsep's rule, but because I wished to take the most unfavourable alternative.



Mr. Rhys Davids begins his essay by giving a few facts which make the early use of the now prevalent Ceylonese era of the Nirvāṇa, and the general acceptance of its initial date 543 B.C., somewhat doubtful. He shows that even modern inscriptions in Ceylon are not always dated in the era of Buddha, while the oldest known in which that era occurs, belongs to the twelfth century, and that the Chinese pilgrim Fa Hien, who visited Ceylon in 412 A.D., speaks of a Ceylonese proclamation or sermon in which the Nirvāṇa was mentioned as falling 1497 years earlier. Adverting, then, to the fact that the elements of the calculation for the date of the Nirvāṇa are contained in the *Dīpavamsa* and in the *Mahāvamsa*, he further points out that its beginning in 543 B.C. depends on three periods, viz. the period from Dutthagāmini, 161 B.C., down to the present time; the period from the coronation of Devānāṃpiya Tissa, 236 B.C., to Dutthagāmini, 161 B.C.; and the period from the Nirvāṇa to Devānāṃpiya Tissa, —the total of the three (236 + 146 + 161) being 543. Accepting the period which begins with Dutthagāmini as correct, he proceeds to an examination of the other two. Travelling over oft-trodden ground, he shows, with the help of the Greek notices of Chandragupta and of Aśoka's inscriptions, that an error of more than sixty years exists in the Ceylonese chronology of the oldest period of 236 years, as the latter places Chandragupta's accession in 381 B.C., and Aśoka's in 325 B.C. Next, turning to the second period of 146 years, he finds that the great number of years assigned to Mutasiva and his nine sons likewise indicates the existence of a serious error,—a point which other scholars, too, have noticed,—and that the statements of the chronicles regarding Mahinda and Sanghamittā show Devānāṃpiya Tissa's reign to have been doubled. Mahinda and Sanghamittā were ordained in the sixth year of Aśoka, when they

were respectively twenty and eighteen years old, they came to Ceylon 12½ years afterwards, and died there, at the ages of sixty and fifty-nine, in the eighth and ninth years after Tissa. Hence it may be concluded that Mahinda lived in Ceylon 27½ years, eight of which were subsequent to Tissa. The reign of the latter must therefore have lasted twenty, not forty years as stated in the chronicles. Mr. Rhys Davids remarks that Turnour and his Pandita, who are apparently supported by a passage of the *Dīpavamsa*, have got over the difficulty with Mahinda by explaining the figures 60 and 59 to refer to Mahinda's and his sister's spiritual ages, but that under this supposition, too, there is a discrepancy of two years, as the correct number for Sanghamittā would be 61 (12 + 40 + 9). Mr. Rhys Davids next expresses a doubt regarding the correctness of the period of 218 years stated to have elapsed between the Nirvāṇa and Aśoka's coronation, because the number of kings and of patriarchs or chiefs of the Buddhist church placed between the two events is too small for the length of the period. Taking first into consideration the list of the Māgadha kings, who fill the space between Buddha and Aśoka, he admits that it involves no absurdities. But it appears suspicious to him, because a number of kings are said to have murdered their fathers, and because the years assigned to some are multiples of 4 and 8, and finally because the Purāṇas have a shorter list. The list of the kings of Ceylon between 1 and 236 A.D., which he takes up next, clearly shows traces of an undue lengthening of the reigns, as only five kings are named, the last of whom, Mutasiva, must have reached the respectable age of 147 years. After this, Mr. Rhys Davids passes to the list of the *Theras* or Buddhist patriarchs from 1 to 235 A.D. He extracts the data regarding them from the *Dīpavamsa*, and, reducing all the years given there according to the reigns of the Ceylonese and Māgadha kings to years of the Buddha era, he arranges them in tabular form as below:—

Name.	Date of Birth.	Date of Upasampadā, A.D.	Age at Upasampadā of successor.	Length of Membership.	Age at Death.	Date of Death, A.D.
Upāli.....	44 B.C.	...	80	...	74	30
Dāsa.....	14 A.D.	16	40	50	64	80
Sonaka.....	60 "	59	40	44	66	124
Siggava.....	100 "	100	64	55	76	176
Tissa.....	153 "	164	66	63	86	234
Mahinda.....	204 "	224	...	60	89	285

This table, as Mr. Rhys Davids points out, abounds in absurdities, as it places the birth and the ordination of most Theras too close together, and in the case of Sonaka the latter event before the former. He, however, thinks that the absurdities may be removed by taking the statements, which are merely based on the *Therāvali* by themselves, and by separating them entirely from those of the first two and the last columns, which depend on the *Rājāvalis* of Ceylon and Māgadha. After doing this he finds that the figures no longer involve any absurdity, and that by deducting the difference between the ages of the four Theras beginning with Dāsaka at the ordination of their pupils (col. 3) and their

ages at their death (col. 5) from the number of years during which they were members of the church (col. 4) the length of time may be found during which each was head of the church. If to the total of these figures the sixteen years are added which elapsed between Buddha's death and the ordination of the second Thera, Dāsaka (col. 2), as well as the eighteen years which lie between the sixth, Mahinda, and Aśoka's council, the interval between the Nirvāṇa and Aśoka's council is not 236, but 168 years. As the council took place after Aśoka had ruled eighteen years, the coronation falls in 150 A.B. These calculations are embodied in a second table, which, for clearness' sake, I reprint:—

Name.	Age when he performed the Uposathpadda of successor.	Age when he died.	No. of years he was a full member.	Years during which he and his successor were full members.	Years of his full membership before his successor's admission.
Upāli .....	60	74	...	...	...
Dāsaka .....	45	64	50	19	31
Sonaka .....	40	66	44	26	18
Siggava .....	64	76	55	12	43
Tissa .....	66	86	68	20	48
			217		140
Dāsaka admitted to full membership .....					16 A.B.
The second council was in the twelfth year of Mahinda's full membership .....					12
Date A.B. of Aśoka's council .....					168
					18
					160
Date A.B. of Aśoka's coronation .....					150

It thus appears that in reality the *Dīpavamsa*, in its *Therāvali* portion, allows for 168 years only as having elapsed between the Nirvāṇa and Aśoka's council. At the same time the same work places the council explicitly in 236 A.B., and Aśoka's coronation in 218 (?) A.B. The question now arises whether the shorter or the longer period is the more credible one. Mr. Rhys Davids declares himself in favour of the former, because the number of the Theras (five) is not sufficient to fill a period of 236 years; because, further, the number of the Ceylonese kings is also too small for more than two hundred years; and because, finally, the Brahmanical lists of the kings of Māgadha which place the Śiśunāgas before Bhātiya and his descendants, likewise speak in favour of the shorter interval. Mr. Rhys Davids further shows that the Buddhists possessed a number of ancient works which probably contained the *Therāvalis*, and that the latter have therefore a claim to be considered historical. He, also, points out that according to the

Ceylonese chronicles the Śiśunāgas reigned just 68 years, and that if they are placed before Bhātiya and Bimbisāra and their descendants the number of years of the Māgadha kings down to Aśoka will be exactly 150, and thus fully agree with the sum of years gained by the adjustment of the *Therāvali*. An explanation may be offered for the insertion of the longer period also. For as the sum of the figures in column 3 of the second table makes 217, it becomes not improbable that Buddhist chronologists, in calculating the distance of Aśoka from the Nirvāṇa, by mistake added up the periods during which each Thera was *upasampanna*, instead of those during which he was sole teacher of the *Vinaya*, or head of the church.

On first reading Mr. Rhys Davids' deductions, it is impossible to avoid being fascinated by his eloquent and ingenious pleading, to which my abstract does but scant justice. Still one cannot help feeling a certain distrust against so very startling results, and the discovery that the an-



cient Buddhists must have been such utter fools. A number of objections against, and difficulties with, certain details also present themselves at once. Thus, with respect to the alleged inconsistency of the chronicles regarding the ages of Mahinda and Sanghamittā and the reign of Devānāṁ-piṇḍa Tissa, one cannot help seeing that it has only been caused by Mr. Rhys Davids' method of interpretation. Both the *Dīpaṁśū* and the *Mahāvamsa* state that Mahinda and Sanghamittā received the first or *pabbajjā* ordination at the end of or in the sixth year of Aśoka, and that Mahinda alone received the second or *upasampadā* ordination at the same time. Afterwards it is alleged that Mahinda died in Ceylon, 'having completed sixty years,' in the eighth year of king Uttiya;<sup>12</sup> and Sanghamittā, 'after having completed fifty-nine years', in the ninth year of the same king. Now as Aśoka was crowned *after* the completion of the 218th year of the Nirvāṇa era, his sixth year corresponds to 224-225 A.B., and the eighth year of Uttiya to 284-285 A.B. The interval between Mahinda's *upasampadā* and his death is thus exactly sixty years, as stated by the chronicles. It is clear that the sixty years can only be referred, as Mr. Turnour has done, to the spiritual age, or the period after the *upasampadā*,—not to the natural age, as Mr. Rhys Davids wishes to do. This explanation is confirmed, as Mr. Rhys Davids himself has shown, by a verse of the *Dīpaṁśū* where it is stated that Mahinda had completed twelve years when he came to Ceylon.<sup>13</sup> The case of Sanghamittā is no less clear, if the statement that she died 'after completing fifty-nine years' is referred to the period after her second or *upasampadā* ordination. The interval between the sixth year of Aśoka, 224-225 A.B., Uttiya's ninth year, and 285-286 A.B., is, as Mr. Rhys Davids has stated, 61 years. But as Sanghamittā was in 224-225 only eighteen years old, she had to wait two years before she could receive the second ordination, which gave her full membership. If we deduct these, the figures agree, and she really had completed fifty-nine years after the *upasampadā* at the time of her death. There can be no doubt that this

is the correct interpretation of the seemingly inconsistent statements of the chronicles. We shall see, further on, that the latter, when speaking of the ages of *Theras* or *Upasampanna Sādhus* always refer to the period after the *upasampadā*, or, to adopt Mr. Rhys Davids' appropriate term, to the spiritual ages just as references to the *ages* of anointed kings refer to the time after their *abhisheka*.

If we now turn to the chief portions of Mr. Rhys Davids' calculations, it becomes impossible to accept without a re-examination the statements contained in his first table, though they agree with Mr. Turnour's analysis of the *Dīpaṁśū*.<sup>14</sup> As it has been found that the seeming contradictions in the case of Sanghamittā disappeared, as soon as the chronicles were correctly interpreted, the question arises whether a reconsideration of the text of the *Dīpaṁśū* would not clear away the stupendous absurdities contained in the table which gives the data regarding the *Theras*. But even supposing the first table to be correct, a consideration of Mr. Rhys David's second table raises numerous difficulties. One cannot help asking how he gets the sixteen years between Buddha and Dāsaka without the help of the *Rājāvalī*, which he considers to be unworthy of reliance; or how, if he gets them from that source, he can reconcile that with his promise to rely on the *Therāvalī* alone. One must further ask why he adds the sixteen years in col. 5 of table II., and not in col. 3, where they are evidently also required. If he had added the sixteen years in col. 3, the total would become 283, and it would have appeared at once that the chroniclers could not have made the mistake imputed to them. (paras. 115, 116). Finally, on comparing the two tables a serious discrepancy is observable between the figures given for Dāsaka's age at Sonaka's *upasampadā* in col. 3 of the first, and col. 1 of the second table. In the former place it is stated to be 40, and in the second 45, and no explanation is offered. Similar vacillations occur, too, in the date of Aśoka's coronation, which sometimes is stated to have occurred *after* the completion of the 218 years of the Nirvāṇa era (i.e. in 219 A.B.), and

<sup>12</sup> According to the *Dīpaṁśū*, 'when Uttiya had completed eight years': see below.

<sup>13</sup> Compare also *Dīp.* VII. 27, where it is stated that Mahinda was four years of age (i.e. spiritual age) when

Aśoka had ruled ten years.—

Aśokaḥ (Dāyavāṁśi) Mahindaḥ chaturvarṣika | sabbāḥ  
vūṭṭapariyattāni paṇṇāṭṭharigaṇaḥ | 27 |

<sup>14</sup> *Jour. As. Soc. Beng.* vol. VII. pp. 219 seqq.

sometimes in 218 A.B.,<sup>12</sup> and that the latter incorrect statement is used in order to convict the chroniclers of an inaccuracy (para. 114).

These and other doubts which it would be too long to enumerate induced me to ask Dr. Oldenberg, who is preparing an edition of the *Dīpasāṃsa*, for the loan of his text, and to examine the work once more. A cursory inspection showed to me that Mr. Rhys Davids' first table does not accurately represent the statements of the *Dīpasāṃsa*, but, besides a number of minor inaccuracies, contains three important mistakes. The heading of col. 4 ought to be "*Chiefship of the Vinaya (vinayaṭṭhāna or pāmokkhatte)*;" the heading of col. 5 should be "*Spiritual Age at Death, i. e. Age reckoning from the upasampadā ordination*," and hence the figures put against the names of the first five Theras in col. 1 ought to be removed. I found that the *Dīpasāṃsa* left not the slightest doubt on the necessity of these alterations, and that, if it is interpreted rightly, its history of the Theras contains no absurdities. The text, though less corrupt in the *Therāśāli* than in other portions, nevertheless shows a few mistakes in the figures which can be easily corrected. In order to enable the reader to judge if my interpretation is correct, I give the text of the chief passage, *Bhāṇavāra* V. 76-106, in full, together with a translation. The text is Dr. Oldenberg's,<sup>13</sup> with whose permission it is published. The translation is my own:—

nibbute lokanāthassa vasaṇi soḷasaṃ ahū | sama-  
saṭṭhi tadā hoti vassam Upāli paṇḍitam | 76 |<sup>14</sup>  
Ajātasattuchatarissam Vijayassa soḷasaṃ ahū |  
Dāsako upasampanno Upālitherasantike | 77 |  
chattālīs'eva vasaṇi Dāsako nāma paṇḍito | Nāga-  
dāse dasavasse Pakundakassa vīṇati | 78 |<sup>15</sup>  
upasampanno Sonako therō Dāsakatherasantike |  
chattālīsavasso dhiro therō Sonakasavhayo | 79 |<sup>16</sup>  
Kālāsokassa dasavasse Tanibapanni-antarāvāse  
vassam ekādasaṃ bhavē | Siggavo upasampanno  
Sonakatherasantike | 80 |  
Chandaguttassa dve vasso chatusaṭṭhi Siggavo  
tadā | aṭṭhapāṇḍīsa vasaṇi Pakundakassa rājino |

<sup>12</sup> The first date occurs, e.g. paras. 84, 86, and the second 114 (twice).

<sup>13</sup> Dr. Oldenberg, very judiciously, has not attempted a restoration of the original work, but merely of the codes archetype, from which the existing modern MSS. have been prepared. He has collected a good many various readings, from which I have selected a few particularly important ones.

<sup>14</sup> Second half probably corrupt,—perhaps *soḷasaṭṭhi*

upasampanno Moggaliputto Siggavatherasantike | 81 |

Asokadhammassa chhavasse chhasaṭṭhi Moggali-  
putto ahū | aṭṭhachattārisa [vassāni] Mutasivassa  
rājino | Mahindo upasampanno Moggaliputtassa  
santike | 82 |<sup>17</sup>

uggahesi vinayam cha Upāli Buddhasantike | Dā-  
sako vinayam sabbam Upālitherasantike | uggahet-  
vāna vāchesi upajjhāyo va sāsaṇe | 83 |

vāchesi Dāsako therō vinayam Sonakassa pi |  
pariyāṇetvā vāchesi upajjhāyassa santike | 84 |  
Sonako buddhisampanno dhammavinayakovidō |  
vāchesi vinayam sabbam Siggavassa anuppa-  
dam | 85 |

Siggavo Chandavajjo cha Sonakasaddhivihārikā |  
vāchesi vinayam therō ubho saddhivihāriko | 86 |

Tisso Moggaliputto cha Chandavajjassa santike |  
vinayam uggahetvāna vimutto upadhisamkhayo | 87 |

Moggaliputto upajjhāyo Mahindam saddhivihāri-  
kam | vāchesi vinayam sabbam theravādām anāka-  
kam | 88 |

parinibbute sambuddhe Upālithero mahājati | vīsa-  
yam tāva vāchesi tiṇṇa vassam anānakam | 89 |  
saddhivihārikam theram Dāsakam nāma paṇḍitam |  
vinayaṭṭhāna ṭhapetvāna nibbuto so mahāmati | 90 |

Dāsako Sonakam theram saddhivihārim anup-  
padam | katvā vinayapāmokkham chatusaṭṭhumhi  
nibbuto | 91 |

Sonako chhalabhiṇṇāno Siggavam ariyaratam |  
vinayaṭṭhāna ṭhapetvāna chhasaṭṭhimhi cha nib-  
buto | 92 |

Siggavo ūpasampanno Moggaliputtaṇ cha dāsa-  
kam | katvā vinayapāmokkham nibbuto so chha-  
sattati | 93 |

Tisso Moggaliputto cha Mahindam saddhivihāri-  
kam | katvā vinayapāmokkham chhasātivassamhi  
nibbuto | 94 |<sup>18</sup>

chatusattati Upāli cha chatusaṭṭhi cha Dāsako |  
chhasaṭṭhi Sonako therō Siggavo tu chhasattati |  
sati Moggaliputto sabbesam upasampadā | 95 |

sabbakālamhi pāmokkho vīṇaye Upālipaṇḍito |  
paṇḍīsam Dāsako therō chatusattārisam cha  
Sonako | panchapaṇḍīsavassam Siggavassa aṭṭha-  
saṭṭhi Moggaliputtasavhayo | 96 |<sup>19</sup>

Udayo soḷasa vasaṇi rajjam kāresi khattiyo | chha-  
vase Udayabhaddamhi Upālithero nibbuto | 97 |

tadā hoti therō Upāli paṇḍito, or *saṭṭhivasso* i. A. samam  
Up.

<sup>15</sup> The first line is corrupt, see below. For *Pakundakassa*, *Paṇḍurājanam* must be read, as *Pakundaka* is a name of *Paṇḍukābhaya*.

<sup>16</sup> The second line is corrupt, see below.

<sup>17</sup> Corrupt, see below.

<sup>18</sup> 94b. Corrupt, see below.—v. l. *aṭṭhatisamhi*.

<sup>19</sup> 96b. Corrupt, see below.



Susunāgo dasavassam rajjam kāresi issaro | aṭṭha-  
vāse Susunāgamhi Dāsako parinibbuto | 98 |<sup>22</sup>  
Susunāgass' aṭṭhayaena honti te dasa bhātaro |  
sabbe bhārisativassam rajjam kāresu vassato |  
imesam chhaṭṭhe vassānam Sonako parinibbuto  
| 99 |

Chandagutto rajjam kāresi vassāni chatuvisati |  
tasmīṃ obuddasavassamhi Siggavo parinibbuto  
| 100 |

Bindusārasa yo putto Asokadhammo mahāyaso |  
vassānisattatipam pi rajjam kāresikkhattiyo | 101 |<sup>23</sup>  
Asokass' chhavissativasse Moggaliputtasavhayo  
sāsanam jotayirvāna nibbuto āyusanākhayo | 102 |<sup>24</sup>  
chatusattativassamhi therō Upālipaṇḍito | saddhi-  
vihārikam theram Dāsakam nāma paṇḍitam | vīna-  
yatṭhāne ṭhapetvāna nibbuto so mahāgaṇi | 103 |  
Dāsako Sonakam theram saddhivihārikam anup-  
padaṃ katvā vīnaya-pāmo-kkham chatumattimhi  
nibbuto | 104 |

Sonako chala-bhūṭiṇāno Siggavam ariyatrajum | vi-  
nayaṭṭhāne ṭhapetvāna chhasattimhi parinibbuto  
| 105 |<sup>25</sup>

Siggavo nāgasampanno Moggaliputtaṃ cha dāra-  
kam | katvā vīnaya-pāmo-kkham nibbuto so chha-  
sattati | 106 |

Tissa Moggaliputta so Mahindam saddhivihāri-  
kam | katvā vīnaya-pāmo-kkham chhasattivassamhi  
nibbuto | 107 |<sup>27</sup>

#### Translation.

76. Sixteen years had elapsed after the pro-  
tector of the world (Buddha) had entered Nir-  
vāṇa, then the learned Upāli had just com-  
pleted sixty years;<sup>28</sup>

77. Then twenty-four years of Ajātasat-  
tru's (reign) and sixteen of Vijaya's had  
elapsed, (and then) Dāsaka received the upa-  
sāmpadā ordination from Thera Upāli.

78. The learned Dāsaka (had completed), just  
forty years, when Nāga-dāsa (had reigned) ten  
years, and twenty (years of) Pāṇḍurāja's (reign  
had passed);

79. (Then) Thera Sonaka received the upa-  
sāmpadā ordination<sup>29</sup> from Thera Dāsaka.

The wise Thera called Sonaka had completed  
forty years.

80. When Kālāsoka had completed ten  
years, and the eleventh year of the interregnum  
in Ceylon was (the current one), (then) Sig-  
gava received the upasāmpadā ordination from  
Thera Sonaka.<sup>30</sup>

81. Two years of Chandragupta's (reign

had passed), then Siggava (had completed) sixty-  
four years, (and) fifty-eight years of Pakuṇḍa-  
ka's (reign had elapsed). Then Tissa-Moggā-  
liputta received the upasāmpadā ordination  
from Thera Siggava.<sup>31</sup>

82. When Dharmāsoka had (reigned) six  
years, (then) Moggaliputta had completed  
sixty-six years, (and) forty-eight years of king  
Mutasiva had passed. (Then) Mahinda  
received the upasāmpadā ordination from Mog-  
galiputta.

83. And Upāli learned the Vinaya from  
Buddha; Dāsaka, having learnt the whole  
Vinaya from Thera Upāli, recited (it) like (his)  
teacher in the Faith.

84. Dāsaka, the Thera, instructed Sonaka  
also in the Vinaya, (and he), having mastered it,  
repented it before his teacher.

85. Sonaka, endowed with intelligence and  
acquainted with the law and the Vinaya, taught  
Siggava the whole Vinaya, sentence by sentence.

86. Siggava and Chandavajja (were)  
the pupils of Sonaka. The Thera taught both  
his pupils the Vinaya.

87. And Tissa-Moggaliputta, having  
learnt the Vinaya from Chandavajja, was  
emancipated by the destruction of the substrata  
(i.e. became an Arhat).

88. Moggaliputta, the teacher, taught  
Mahinda, his pupil, the whole Vinaya, the  
whole, entire doctrine of the Thera.

89. After the Sambuddha had entered Nirvāṇa,  
Thera Upāli, endowed with great lustre, taught  
the whole Vinaya during thirty years.

90. Having appointed his pupil, Thera Dā-  
saka, to the office of (Chief of the) Vinaya, that  
high-souled man entered Nirvāṇa.

91. Dāsaka made his pupil, Thera Sonā-  
ka, in his turn, Chief of the Vinaya, and died in  
(his) sixty-fourth year.<sup>32</sup>

92. Sonaka, possessed of the six superna-  
tural faculties, appointed Siggava, of honoura-  
ble descent, to the office of (Chief of) the Vinaya,  
and died in (his) sixty-sixth year.

93. Siggava, possessed of (true) knowledge,  
made Moggaliputta, the youth, Chief of the  
Vinaya, and died after (completing) seventy-six  
years.

94. And Tissa-Moggaliputta made his  
pupil Mahinda Chief of the Vinaya, and died in  
(his) sixty-eighth year.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>22</sup> The first line seems to be corrupt, as the figure is  
wrong. Perhaps *aṭṭha cha* has to be read for *issaro*.

<sup>23</sup> Probably 'Dh. *amāsoko*' should be read.

<sup>24</sup> Perhaps *Moggalī-savhayo* is to be read.

<sup>25</sup> Probably *nibbuto* to be read.

<sup>27</sup> Corrupt, see below. v. l. *aṭṭhavasamhi*.

<sup>28</sup> The construction is apparently a mixture of the loc.  
and gen. absol., and occurs frequently.

<sup>29</sup> *Upasāmpadā*, i.e. second or full ordination.

<sup>30</sup> Regarding these dates more will be said below.

<sup>31</sup> Pakuṇḍaka is another name of Paṇḍukābhaya.

<sup>32</sup> The years are to be counted from the upasāmpadā;  
see below, v. 95. <sup>33</sup> v. l. in his 68th year.

95. And Upāli seventy-four, and Dāsaka sixty-four, Thera Sōnaka sixty-six, but Siggava seventy-six, Moggaliputta eighty—that is, the number of years elapsed between the upasampadā ordination of each (Thera and his death).

96. The learned Upāli is chief of the Vinaya for all time. Thera Dāsaka (held that office) fifty (years), and Sōnaka forty-four, Siggava fifty-five years, and he who is called Moggaliputta sixty-eight.

97. The Kshatriya Udaya reigned sixteen years; when Udayabhadra had (completed) six years, Thera Upāli died.

98. Śīśunāga, the lord, reigned ten (P) years; when Śīśunāga had (completed) eight years, Dāsaka died.<sup>24</sup>

99. After Śīśunāga's death came those ten brothers; according to hereditary custom, they reigned all (together) for twenty-two years. In the sixth year of their (reign) Sōnaka died.

100. Chandragupta reigned twenty-four years; when he had (completed) fourteen years Siggava died.

101. Famous Dharmāśoka, the son of Bindusāra, of royal race, reigned thirty-seven years.

102. When Āśoka had (completed) twenty-six years, he who is called Moggaliputta died of old age, after having exalted the Faith.

103. The learned Thera Upāli, the great chief of the school, died in his seventy-fourth year, after appointing the learned Thera Dāsaka, his pupil, to the office of (Chief of the) Vinaya.

104. Dāsaka, in his turn, made his pupil, Thera Sōnaka, Chief of the Vinaya, and died in (his) sixty-fourth year.

105. Sōnaka, endowed with the six supernatural qualities, appointed Siggava, of honorable descent, to the office of (Chief of the) Vinaya, and died in (his) sixty-sixth year.

106. Siggava, possessed of (true) knowledge made young Moggaliputta Chief of the Vinaya, and died, having (completed) seventy-six years.

107. Tissa-Moggaliputta made his pupil, Mahinda, Chief of the Vinaya, and died in (his) eighty-sixth year.<sup>25</sup>

This passage contains:—1. the dates of the upasampadā of each of the five Theras, from Dāsaka to Āśoka's son Mahinda, according to the chronology of Māgadha and of Ceylon, together with the spiritual age of the teacher who performed the ordination—vv. 76-82.

2. A statement of the teachers under whom each of the six Theras studied the Vinaya—vv. 83-88.

3. A statement regarding the persons who appointed each to the office of Chief of the Vinaya, or head of the church—vv. 89-94.

4. A statement of the number of years which elapsed between the upasampadā ordination and the death of each, i.e. the length of the life of each while full member of the Saṅgha—v. 95.

5. A statement of the number of years during which Dāsaka, Sōnaka, Siggava, and Tissa were Chiefs of the Vinaya or heads of the church,—which must be completed as far as Upāli is concerned from v. 89-96.

6. The dates of the Māgadha kings in whose reigns the five Theras died, together with the year of the death—vv. 97-102.

7. A repetition of the information given above under 3 and 4.

Two other passages of the *Dīpavaṁsa* (IV. 27-46 and V. 69-73) give the same details,—the first regarding Upāli, Dāsaka, Sōnaka, Siggava, and Chandavajja; and the second regarding the last two teachers and Tissa-Moggaliputta. These two passages mostly agree word for word with that given above. But they add a few particulars and show some variations, which it will be necessary to quote. Firstly (IV. 31), it is said that Buddha himself appointed Upāli to be Chief of the Vinaya:—

*saṅghamajjhe viedkēsi Buddho Upālipaṇḍitaṁ |  
aggo vinayapaṇḍitō Upāli mayha sāsane | 31 |*  
Secondly, it is stated (IV. 41) that Dāsaka's spiritual age was forty-five years, instead of forty, when he ordained Sōnaka. Thirdly, the date of the ordination of Siggava is specified more exactly as having taken place ten years and half a month (according to the *varā leṭṭhi* of bad MS., 'and eight months') after Kālāśoka's coronation:—

*chattāriṣṣa vasso so thero Sonakasavhaya |  
Kālāśokassa dasavasse addhamāsaṁ cha sesa-  
ka<sup>26</sup> | 41 |*

A corrupt verse adds the statement that at that time eleven years and six months of Paṇḍaka—Pāṇḍakābhaya's interregnum had elapsed,—

<sup>24</sup> See note to text. <sup>25</sup> v. l., in his eightieth year.

<sup>26</sup> v. l. *addhamāsaṁ cha sesake*.



*sattarissannāh vassānāh thero āsi paguṇako* <sup>87</sup> |  
*atikkantekādasavassāh cchamāsāh chāvassako* | 42 |

The information regarding the career of Aśoka's son, Mahinda, finally, is completed in the following passages:—(1) VI. 20, where his birth is stated to have taken place after 204 years of the Nirvāṇa,—

*due vassasāḍṇi honti chaturvassāh paṇ' uttari* |  
*samanāramhī so jāto Mahindo Aśokatrajo* | 20 |

(2) VII. 21-24, where it is said that Mahinda became an ascetic when he was full twenty years old, and when Aśoka had reigned six years (after his coronation); that Mahinda received the *upasampadā* ordination at the same time; and that Moggaliputta was fifty-four years old when Aśoka's coronation took place, and sixty-six (P) when Aśoka had reigned six years. The last verse is, however, corrupt, and must be corrected as proposed below:—

*paripunnāvacānassā Mahindo Aśokatrajo* |  
*Saṅghamittā cha jātiya vassāh aṭṭhārasāh*  
*bhava* | 21 |  
*chāvassamhī Aśokassa* <sup>88</sup> *ubho pabbajitā paṇa* |

*tathera upasampanno Mahindo dipajotako* | 22 |  
*Saṅghamittā taḍā yera sikkhāyo vassāh ādiya* |  
*ahn Moggaliputto ca theracādo* <sup>89</sup> *maḥāgāmi* | 23 |  
*chatupāṇāsavassamhī Aśokaḍḍhammo ebhāitto* |  
*Aśokase' ābhāittato cchasaṭṭhi* <sup>90</sup> *Moggalissavhāyo* |  
*tato Mahindo pabbajito Moggaliputtassa santike* | 24 |

(3) XVII. 91-93, where the date of his death is given as occurring after the completion of the eighth year of Uttiya, and of the sixtieth year after his ordination,—

*Uttiyo dasavassamhī rajjāh kāresi khattiyo* | 91 |  
*aṭṭhāvassābhāittassa nibbuto dipajotako* |  
*akāsi sarirānikkhopaṇi Tisadrāme puratthime* | 92 |  
*paripunnādvādasavasso Mahindo cha idh' āgato* |  
*saṭṭhivasso paripunne nibbuto Chetiyaṇapabbate* | 93 |

The contents of these passages are most easily intelligible if they are given in tabular form, and it is therefore advisable to imitate Mr. Rhys Davids in this respect. It will also be advisable to exhibit the information of the *Dīpavamsa* exactly in that form in which it is given, without correcting any of the inconsistencies of the text. If that is done we obtain the following results:—

Name.	Date of Upasampadā.	Spiritual Age at Pupils' Upasampadā.	Spiritual Age at Death.	Date of Death.	Length of Chiefship of Vinaya.
1. Upālī .....	"	60 years [D. IV. 27, V. 76].	74th year [D. V. 103]. 74 years [D. V. 95].	Udayabhadrā 6 = 30 A.B. [D. IV. 38, V. 97].	30 years [D. IV. 34, V. 89].
2. Dāsaka .....	Ajātakatra 24 = Vijaya, 16 = 16 A.B. [D. IV. 26, 27; V. 76, 77.]	40 years [D. V. 76]. 45 years [D. IV. 41].	64th year [D. V. 91, 104; IV. 43]. 64 years [D. V. 95].	Sisunāga, 8 = 80 A.B. [D. V. 98.]	50 yrs [D. V. 96].
3a. Sonaka .....	Nāgādāsa 10 = Paṇḍurāja 20 = 58 A.B. [D. IV. 41; D. V. 78, 79.]	40 years [D. IV. 44; V. 70].	65th year [D. V. 92, 105]. 66 years [D. V. 95].	Nandas 6 = 124 A.B. [D. V. 99.]	44 yrs [D. V. 96].
3b. Chandavajja .....	The same.	Not stated.	Not stated.	Not stated.	Not stated.
4. Siggava .....	Kāśāpaka 10, or 10 + 1 month = Interregnum, 11 or 11 + 6 mos. = 100 A.B. [D. IV. 44, 45; V. 80.]	64 years [D. V. 69, 81].	75 years [D. V. 93, 106].	Chandragupta 14 = 176 A.B. [D. V. 73, 100.]	55 yrs [D. V. 96].
5. Tissa - Moggaliputta.	Chandragupta 2 = Paṇḍula 58 = 164 A.B. [D. V. 69, 81.]	66 years [D. V. 82, VII. 24].	86th [D. V. 94, 107]. 80th [D. V. 95, 107]. 38th [D. V. 94].	Aśoka 26 = 244 A.B. [D. V. 102.]	68 yrs [D. V. 96].
6. Mahinda, 204 A.B. [D. VI. 20.]	Aśoka 6 = 224 A.B. [D. V. 82, VII. 22-24.]	Not stated.	60 years [D. XVII. 93].	Uttiya 8 = 284 A.B. [D. XVII. 93.]	Not stated, but maybe calculated at 40 yrs.

<sup>87</sup> Dr. Oldenberg's very probable emendation is, *choro āsi paguṇako*.

<sup>88</sup> The genitive stands for the locative, as above.

<sup>89</sup> v. l., and the correct one, *theracādo*.

<sup>90</sup> Dr. Oldenberg proposes *Aśokaḍḍhammo cchāvassā*, and I read in addition *saṭṭhi* for *cchasaṭṭhi*, as required by the metre and the sense.

<sup>91</sup> Not stated, but 44 before B. may be obtained by deducting length of chiefship from spiritual age.

The first glance at this table shows that the figures given there are intended to form a chain, each link of which is closely connected with some of the others. The connexion is established in this wise, that the difference between the dates of each teacher's and his pupil's *upasampadā* gives the age of the former at the latter ceremony; that, further, the difference between the date of the *upasampadā* and of the death gives the length of the spiritual life; and that finally the difference between the dates of the teacher's and the pupil's death gives the length of the latter's chiefship of the *Vinaya*. But the most cursory inspection also shows that some of the figures given are corrupt and do not answer.

In the case of Upāli the date of the *upasampadā* is not given, but may be calculated by deducting the length of time during which he was Chief of the *Vinaya* after Buddha's death from his spiritual age:  $74 - 30 = 44$ . His spiritual age at the *upasampadā* of Dāsaka, sixty years (col. 4), is given, and the correctness of the statement can be controlled by the dates for his own and his pupil's *upasampadā*, the difference between which—44 A.B. and 16 A.B.—must, and does give exactly 60. The length of his spiritual life, which is once given as full seventy-four years and as the seventy-fourth year, i.e. seventy-three years *plus* an indefinite number of months, can be tested by the figure given for his spiritual age at Sonaka's *upasampadā* and the difference between the date of the latter and the date of Upāli's death, which together amount to  $60 + 14 = 74$ . The discrepancy between the two statements which mention both the seventy-fourth year and seventy-four years, may be got over by assuming that he died in his seventy-fourth year, but that his death took place towards the *end of the year*. As the author of the *Dīpavaṃsa* nearly throughout uses round figures, he found it more practical to substitute in his calculation seventy-four full instead of seventy-three full years. This explanation applies also to the spiritual ages of Dāsaka, Sonaka, and Tissa. In the case of Siggava seventy-six complete years (*chhasattati*) are given everywhere. Hence it may be concluded that his death occurred either exactly at the end of the seventy-sixth year or in the beginning of the seventy-seventh. The same remark holds good for Mahinda, whose age is always given as sixty years.

In the case of Dāsaka, the date for his spiritual age at Sonaka's *upasampadā* has not been given correctly in the text, which in one passage reads forty years, and in the other forty-five years. The correction can be made only with the help of the dates of Dāsaka's own and Sonaka's *upasampadā*. The former is placed in Aḡataśatru 24 = Vijaya 16 = 16 A.B., and the three periods agree exactly. The date of Sonaka's *upasampadā* is given as having taken place Nāgadāsa 10 and Paṇḍurāja 20. The former date corresponds with 58 A.B., and the latter, if it is taken to refer to *completed* years, with 59 A.B. For Vijaya ruled full thirty-eight years; after his death came an interregnum of one year, and then only followed Paṇḍuvāsa's *abhisheka*.<sup>42</sup> The *Dīpavaṃsa* (XL 10) says also expressly that Nāgadāsa had completed twenty-one years when Paṇḍuvāsa died; *ekavimsa Nāgadāso Paṇḍuvāso tuddā gato*. The text of the *Dīpavaṃsa* does not seem to be corrupt in the two passages which contain the equation Nāgadāsa 10 = Paṇḍuvāsa 20 (IV. 41 and V. 78, 79). Still the date 58 A.B. is required for Sonaka's ordination, as he is said to have died at the end of Nandas 6 = 124 A.B., and the difference between 58 and 124 A.B. exactly agrees with the length of his spiritual life, or nearly sixty-six years. The discrepancy therefore, must be, either real and owing to a slip of the author, or it may have been caused by his using round numbers instead of exact dates in his calculations. An author who talks as loosely as the Ceylonese chroniclers do might perhaps say that at the close of Buddha 58 Nāgadāsa had ruled ten years, and Paṇḍuvāsa twenty, though in reality the former counted three or four months in excess of ten years, and the latter seven or eight months less than twenty. He further might assert that eleven years later, at the close of 69 A.B., ten years of Nāgadāsa's reign had elapsed, and that Paṇḍuvāsa died after ruling thirty years. This explanation appears to me the most likely. For it may be considered certain that in very few cases only the initial dates of the reigns of the Māgadha kings and of the Ceylon kings fall on the initial dates of the corresponding years of Buddha. It seems also, from the case of the date of Siggava's ordination, which will be discussed below, that the chroniclers possessed more exact figures, but

<sup>42</sup> *Dīpavaṃsa* IX. 42, XI. 2, X. 6, and XI. 3-10.



mostly thought it unnecessary to use them. If now the ordination of Sonaka must be placed at the end of 58 A.B., and that of Dāsaka fall at the close of 16 A.B., the age of the latter at Sonaka's *upasampadā* must have been forty-two years, not forty or forty-five. The number 42 has therefore to be entered in col. 4, and in the text of the *Dīpaṃśa dvecchattāliśa* has to be written for *pañcattāliśa* (IV. 41) and for *chattāliśa* (V. 76). The emendation suits the metre in both passages.

The length of Dāsaka's spiritual life, (nearly) sixty-six years, corresponds with the difference between the dates of his *upasampadā* 16 A.B. (col. 3) and of his death 80 A.B. (col. 6). The length of his chiefship of the *Vinaya*, too, agrees with the difference between his own and Upāli's death: 80 A.B. — 30 A.B. = 50 years (col. 7).

In the case of Sonaka all the figures agree, with the exception of that for his spiritual age at the *upasampadā* of Siggava, which, though twice given as forty, must be forty-two. For the difference between the dates Nāga-dāsa 10 = Paṇḍurāja 20 = 58 A.B., and Kālāśoka 10 = *interregnum* 11 = 100 A.B., is 42 years. The text of the *Dīpaṃśa* again may be altered accordingly, viz.—

IV. 44. *dvecchattāliśavasso so thero sonasaka-savhayo*, instead of the nonsensical *chattāliśeva vasso so*, &c.

V. 76. *dvecchattāliśavasso so thero sonakasa-vhayo* | instead of *chattāliśavasso dhiro thero*, &c. The latter alteration recommends itself, because corresponding passages are mostly given in exactly the same words.

As regards Siggava the date of his *upasampadā* requires a remark. In one passage (V. 80) we have the equation Kālāśoka 10 = *Interregnum* (Ceylon) 11: in the other passage (IV. 44-46) Kālāśoka 10 +  $\frac{1}{2}$  month = *Interregnum* 11 + 6 months. Immediately after the last verse it is further stated that "But at that time, forsooth, one hundred years after Buddha's death," the Vesālīya schism occurred.<sup>22</sup> It seems, therefore, that the author meant to place Siggava's ordination just at the end of the first century after Buddha. The discrepancy in the dates of the kings may be adjusted by assuming that the beginning of Kālāśoka's reign, as well as that of the *Interregnum*, did not fall exactly in the beginning of the ninety-first

and of the ninetieth year of Buddha, but that the former began fifteen days, and the latter six months, after the beginning of the corresponding year of Buddha. If that was the case, it would seem that the author gave in the first passage the exact figures, and in the second, according to his usual manner, round figures only. The difference between Siggava's *upasampadā* (100 A.B.) and Tissa's *upasampadā* Chandragupta 2 = Pakudaka 20 = 164 A.B., is exactly 64, and agrees with the number of years allotted to him in col. 4. The length of his spiritual life (seventy-six years) likewise corresponds with the difference between the dates for his *upasampadā* and for his death. But he cannot have been Chief of the *Vinaya* for fifty-five years, as the difference between his death and that of his predecessor amounts to fifty-two years only. It seems certain that in this case also we have to deal with a corruption of the text only. Besides the total of the figures entered in col. 7 for the first five Theras must agree with the date of the last in col. 6, — 244 A.B. This agreement can only be obtained if we substitute 52 for 55. If the latter number is retained, we get 247-244, which is obviously nonsense. Finally the half-verse (V. 96b) in which the date occurs is obviously corrupt. I propose to read for

*pañcappañāsavassam Siggavassa atthasattthi Moggaliputtasavhayo* |  
*pañāsavassam Siggavo atthasattthim Moggali-savhayo* |

In order to make out the metre, it is necessary to elide the first syllable of *atthasattthim*, and to make a disyllable of *Moggali*, as has to be done in other cases.

In the case of Tissa the figure given for his spiritual age at the *upasampadā* of Mahinda is wrong. For the difference between Chandragupta 2 = Pakudaka 58 = 164 A.B. and Aśoka 6 = 224 A.B. is sixty years, not sixty-six as given in the text and in the table. Though the faulty figure occurs in two passages (V. 82 and VII. 24c), still the latter verse 24c contains a certain proof that the mistake belongs to the copyists, not to the author, of the *Dīpaṃśa*. For in that line it is explicitly stated that Moggaliputto was *fifty-four* years old at Aśoka's coronation. It is obvious that six years later he could not be sixty-six years old, but must be sixty.

<sup>22</sup> *tesa kho samayena vassamam hi nibbata bhagavato vandikā Vajjiputtakā*, &c.

The length of his spiritual life (col. 5) is given variously as 86, 80, and 38 years. The second date is the correct one, because this figure agrees with the difference between the dates for his *upasampadd* and for his death. The dates given

for Mahinda all agree, and require no remark or rectification. The subjoined second table gives a summary of this discussion, and shows the corrected figures, as well as the faulty ones in brackets.

Name.	Birth.	Date of Upasampadd.	Spiritual Age at Upasampadd of Pupil.	Spiritual Age at Death.	Date of Death.	Length of Chiefship of Vinaya.
Upāli .....	Not stated.	44 bef. B.	60	cir. 74 years.	30 A.B.	30 years.
Dāsaka .....	Do.	16 A.B.	42 years (40, 45).	cir. 64 years.	80 A.B.	50 years.
Sonaka .....	Do.	58 A.B.	42 years (40)	cir. 66 years.	124 A.B.	44 years.
Siggara .....	Do.	100 A.B.	64 years.	76 years.	176 A.B.	52 years (55).
Tissa .....	Do.	164 A.B.	60 years (66).	80 years (86, 88).	244 A.B.	68 years.
Mahinda .....	204 A.B.	224 A.B.	Not stated.	60 years.	284 A.B.	40 years.

If we compare the above passages of the *Dīpavanīsa* with Mr. Rhys Davids' first table and his remarks thereon, the mistakes which I imputed to him, and to Mr. Turnour before him, are perfectly clear. The terms *Vinayapāmosikkha*, 'Chief of the Vinaya,' and *Vinayajñāna*, the office (of Chief) of the Vinaya, occur frequently, and in V. 96 the former is expressly connected with the periods of 50, 44, 52 (55), and 68 years which occur in col. 4 of his first table, and in col. 3 of his second table. Farther *Dīp.* V. 95 precludes the possibility even of a doubt whether the natural or the spiritual age of the Theras is indicated by the figures in col. 5 of Mr. Rhys Davids' first table. The period after the *upasampadd* ordination alone can be referred to. Hence the whole basis for Mr. Rhys Davids' deductions, by which the chronicles are shown to give really 150 years, not 218 years, as the interval between the Nirvāṇa and Aśoka, disappears. The *Dīpavanīsa* gives, on the contrary, a very simple history of six Theras, the fifth of whom was a contemporary of Aśoka, and died about the middle of his reign. If the four corrections proposed by me are accepted, the story shows not only no absurdities, but not even the slightest inconsistency. As regards the date of Aśoka's coronation, 219 A.B., it is clear that it cannot be the result of an absurd mistake in addition, made, as Mr. Rhys Davids supposes, by the Ceylonese Buddhists.

It is no less evident that this date is the only one for the coronation of Aśoka which the Ceylonese tradition supports, and that the *Dīpavanīsa* does not contain any evidence in favour

of a shorter interval between the Nirvāṇa and Aśoka's accession. Nor do I think that the other points which Mr. Rhys Davids brings forward in order to show its incredibility carry much weight. When he points out that the number of Theras enumerated in the *Dīpavanīsa* is too small to fill a space of more than two hundred years, the obvious answer is that the correctness of this list is by no means proved, and that, as Mr. Turnour<sup>22</sup> has pointed out and he himself admits, another and longer list is in existence. But even if the shorter list were proved to be correct, it could not be said that the account of the *Dīpavanīsa* involves impossibilities. If we assume that each of the five Theras received the *upasampadd* ordination at the legal age of twenty, the longest-lived among them would have reached the age of one hundred years, and the shortest-lived the age of eighty-four. The succession of five very long-lived Chiefs of the Vinaya would certainly be something remarkable, but it is not absolutely impossible. Again, Mr. Rhys Davids' objection drawn from the small number of Ceylonese kings (para. 107) who are stated to have reigned between the Nirvāṇa and Aśoka has very little weight. He himself, like all other scholars who have written on the subject, has seen that the Ceylonese history from Vijaya to Duṭṭhagāmini is untrustworthy. It is impossible that Mutasiva lived to the age of 147 years, and that his sons reigned after him, with interruptions, 102 years. Hence no portion of a story which contains such statements can be used in order to discredit another independent tradi-

<sup>22</sup> *Jour. As. Soc. Beng.* vol. VII. p. 791; compare also Lassen, *Ind. Alt.* vol. II. p. 93, 2nd ed.



tion, or to support an adjustment. It is quite true that the number of kings is too small for the interval of 236 years stated to lie between Vijaya and Devānāmpīya Tissa. But instead of reducing that interval, we may just as well assume that Vijaya's invasion falls later than the Nirvāṇa, or that the chroniclers did not possess the names of all the princes who ruled between Vijaya and Dutthagāmini, and were tempted by the legend of the synchronism of Vijaya's conquest and Buddha's death to spread the scanty materials over too large an area. Finally, it seems inadvisable to bring forward (para. 110) the Brahmanical tradition in order to prove that Siśunāga, Kālaśoka and his ten sons reigned before Bhātiya, and to allow the number of years given by the Buddhists to stand. An indiscriminating combination of portions of two contradictory traditions, however much its results may agree with preconceived notions, has not hitherto been recognized as being in accordance with the principles of historical criticism.

These remarks may suffice to show that hitherto no evidence, be it external or internal, has been brought forward which proves the date 219 A.B. for Asoka's coronation to be spurious. It may, therefore, be either really historical, or at least go back to Asoka's own time, i.e. have been calculated by the Indian Buddhists from the Māgadha *Rājavalis* and their *Theravālis*, when Asoka became a patron and adherent of their faith, and have been carried by the missionaries to Ceylon. Several points can be adduced in favour of the latter hypothesis. Firstly, it seems only reasonable to suppose that the Buddhists, who, through Asoka's protection, obtained a fresh start in the race for spiritual influence, should have tried to ascertain the distance of the royal *dāyāda* or 'relative' of their faith from their first teacher. If their account of this period is at all to be trusted, their sect was, just about the time of Asoka's conversion, in a somewhat fallen condition. Quarrels had taken place among the Bhikkhus, and not less than eighteen mutually hostile sects had arisen. Asoka's conversion at first made matters only worse, as it induced numerous followers of other faiths to pass themselves off for disciples of Buddha in order to participate in Asoka's bounty, and to create confusion in the Buddhist doctrines. The resistance of the or-

thodox ascetics against this state of things led to the council in Asoka's seventeenth year. Its immediate consequence was a purification of the Buddhist Church from the foreign intruders, and a new redaction of the sacred texts. Another result was the appointment of missionaries for the conversion of foreign, and even Mlechchha, countries,—an undertaking which in later times gave to Buddhism a place among the great religions of the world. It seems only natural that the Buddhist Theras, at such a period, the importance of which for their faith they must have fully felt, should have revised, together with their sacred books, the lists of their teachers, and of the data referring to the chief events of their spiritual career, and that they should have connected the history of their patron and of his predecessors in Māgadha with the history of their sect. These considerations make it, in my opinion, more probable that a *Theravāli* and a Māgadha *Rājavalis* similar to, if not identical with, that which the Ceylonese chronicles give, were arranged in India and carried to Ceylon by the first missionaries, than that fragmentary materials only, out of which the Ceylonese later manufactured their account, came over from the continent. This hypothesis, though it would not prove that every one of the figures and events contained in the Ceylonese chronicles has remained unchanged, would make it probable that some considerable portion of the southern tradition might be ancient and of Indian origin. The date of Asoka's coronation, against which no particular objection can be urged, would probably have to be included in the latter category.

Secondly, a much stronger argument for the Indian origin of the same date is furnished by a fact which first has been brought forward by M. Burnouf (*Introd. à l'Hist. du Bouddh.* pp. 432-36), but has received little attention. This is the statement of a fragment of an *Avadāna*, entitled *the Council*,—that Asoka lived not, as the northern Buddhists usually assert, one hundred, but two hundred years after the Nirvāṇa. The story begins: "Deux cent ans après que le bien-heureux Buddha fut entré dans le Nirvāṇa complet régnait dans la ville de Pāṭaliputra un roi nommé Asoka." It contains in the sequel an account of the birth of Kuṇḍika and the story of Sundara, which agree with the common northern traditions. M. Burnouf

has pointed out that this fragment shows that the northern Buddhists, too, originally recognized two *Asokas*, of whom most of their books have made one person, and that it confirms the authenticity of the southern tradition. I do not see how this conclusion can be avoided, and how it can be denied that the date for *Asoka's* coronation, according to the era of the *Nirvāṇa*, must have been settled in India before Buddhism was introduced into Ceylon. As the assertion of the southern Buddhists that the conversion of the Ceylonese took place during *Asoka's* reign has not been doubted, and as there is no reason to doubt it, the date, if calculated in India, must have been calculated just during *Asoka's* own reign, and must be, as far as the belief of those times is concerned, perfectly genuine. The effect of this conclusion on the question of the authorship of the new edicts is obvious. As the date of the edicts agrees with the date for the coronation of *Asoka* in 219 A.B., and as the latter is shown to have been settled during *Asoka's* reign, the agreement of the dates itself becomes

a strong additional proof for the correctness of the proposed interpretation of the edicts.

I do not see that there is at present any possibility of saying whether the belief, prevailing in *Asoka's* time, that between the *Nirvāṇa* and the king's coronation upwards of 218 years had elapsed, deserves implicit credence or not. That would depend on a knowledge of the nature of the materials which were at the disposal of the Buddhist chronologists, and this knowledge we do not possess. Mr. Rhys Davids is therefore right in pointing out that the new edicts do not absolutely prove the length of the interval between the *Nirvāṇa* and *Asoka*, but merely the belief on this point entertained by *Asoka* and his contemporaries. But the smallness of the period, sixty years of which are besides covered by the reigns of Chandragupta and Bindusāra, where Brahmans and Buddhists agree in the figures, makes a considerable deviation from the truth improbable, and for practical purposes the number of years given by the Buddhists may be accepted as a fact.

#### MISCELLANEA.

##### GOLDEN MASKS.

Major West, in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. VII. p. 26, expresses his belief that the practice of using golden masks will appear on further investigation to be widely spread in India. He is right in his conjecture as far as Gujarāt is concerned; for, being myself a native of this province, I can say with some confidence that the practice of using masks is here prevalent to a great extent. There is hardly a temple of *Śiva* in Surat which does not possess a mask, and though the practice is not so general in Ahmadābād or Khēdā, masks are by no means uncommon there, being found even in village temples. In this part of Gujarāt also the practice prevails, and but a few days ago I had occasion to see it at Rājkot.

I may note that the practice is confined to the temples of *Śiva* only, and the masks are only gilt or plated—evidently on account of the poor endowments in Gujarāt. There is, however, one circumstance connected with this practice which inclines me to believe that it has been imported from the Dakhan into Gujarāt. Whenever the masks are used, a turban like that of a Marāṭhā Brāhman is always placed over its head, and the practice appears to be more prevalent as we advance towards the Konkanā.

As in the Dakhan, they are here used only on festive occasions. The idea that a mask represents the founder of a temple is here entirely

unknown, it being looked upon as an image of *Śiva* only. Masks with five faces are also to be seen here and there, and I hear the practice is common enough with the Marāṭhās. If such be the case, it is most likely that the masks are only intended to image forth the idea of the Five-faced god (*Śiva*) in a more tangible manner than is done by the *linga*. This also leads me to suspect the high antiquity assigned to the practice, and to look upon it as a very late innovation. The *Dharmasindhu*, a standard work upon Hindu ceremonies, seems to be ignorant of the existence of such a practice. I simply mention this fact for what it is worth, without laying any undue stress upon it, as I am aware that numerous works must be consulted before one can build any argument upon their silence to prove the non-existence of this practice among the old *Āryans*.

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Rājkot, 14th March 1878.

The third and concluding volume of Spiegel's *Iranische Alterthumskunde*, a work worthy to rank by the side of Lassen's great work *Indische Alterthumskunde*, has appeared. Besides concluding the Eranian history, it describes the political and family life, and the state of knowledge and art. In a lucid chapter the author gives his results as to the origin and date of our text of the *Avesta*.—*Academy*, March 9th.









## SANSKRIT AND OLD CANARESE INSCRIPTIONS.

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(Continued from p. 112).

## No. XL.

IN the *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. III., Part II., p. 208, there is a paper by Major-General Sir George LeGrand Jacob on seven copper-plate grants dug up in April, 1848, at Nêrûr in the 'Kûdal' division of the Sâwant-wâdi State. The originals belong to the India Office Library, from which I have obtained them to prepare revised transcriptions and translations.

The third of these grants is the earliest of the set. It consists of three plates, about  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " long by 3" broad. They have no raised rim for the purpose of protecting the writing, such as is spoken of by Dr. Burnell in his *South-Indian Palæography* (p. 72, para. 4). The ring connecting the plates is ancient. It is about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, and 2" in diameter. The seal of it has the representation of a boar, facing to the proper right. The language is Sanskrit. The characters are square and upright, and of the same standard as those of my Kādamba grants (*Ind. Ant.* Vol. VI., p. 22), agreeing most closely with the characters of No. XXV. (*id.*, p. 30).

The grant is one of the early Chalukya dy-

nasty, anterior to the separation of the Western and the Eastern branches. The name of the dynasty is here spelt 'Chalikya.' The first king mentioned is Vallabha,—the Pulikêśi-Vallabha or Pulikêśi I. of my previous inscriptions of this dynasty. The second is his youngest son, Maṅgala,—the Maṅgalêśa or Maṅgallêśvara of my previous inscriptions. No mention is made in this grant of Maṅgala's elder brother Kirttivarmā I. The donor is Maṅgala; and the grant made is of the village of Kuṇḍi-vāṭaka in the district of the Koṅkaṇas.<sup>1</sup>

The grant is not dated in any era. But Maṅgala is spoken of as having driven out king Buddha, the son of Saṅkaragapa, and having slain king Svāmī of the Chalikya family; and as these facts are not referred to in his stone-inscription (*Ind. Ant.* Vol. VI., p. 363) dated in the twelfth year of his reign, when Śaka 500 had expired, I would place the present grant slightly subsequent to that inscription. Who these two kings, Buddha and Svāmī, were, I am not at present able to suggest.

## Transcription.

## First plate.

- [<sup>1</sup>] Svasti Śrīmatām Svāmī-Mahāśēna-pād-ānudyātānām Mānavya-sagō-  
 [<sup>2</sup>] trāṇām Hārīti-putrāṇām Chalikyānām vāṁśē sambhūtaḥ Mānava-pu-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] rāṇa-Rāmāyaṇa-Bhārat-ōtīhāsa-kuśalaḥ nītan Bṛīhazpati-samah  
 [<sup>4</sup>] agnishtōma-vājapēya-paṇḍarika-bahusuvarṇa-śēvamēdh-āvabhṛitha-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] snāna-paritṛikṛita-śarīraḥ sva-guṇair-Bōka-vallabhō Vallabhah [<sup>6</sup>] Tasya pu-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] traḥ parama-brahmaṇyaḥ para-rāshṭr-āvamarddī sva-rāptṛē(ahtrē) nyāy-ānuvartī dēva-dvija-  
 sakala-mahī-maṇḍala-vyāpi-vimāla-yasāḥ  
 [<sup>8</sup>] guru-pūjā-nirataḥ

## Second plate; first side.

- [<sup>9</sup>] sva-bhūja-bala-parākkra(kra)m-ōpārjīti-ānya-rāja-vittah vṛīahabha-gamana-nayana-ninā-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] dah samada-vara-vāraṇa-vilāsaḥ śiṁha-vikramah naya-vinaya-dāna-dayā-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] dākaḥiyya-māya-sāmpad-ōpētaḥ śakti-traya-sāmpannah parama-bhāgavataḥ  
 [<sup>12</sup>] Maṅgala-rājah [<sup>13</sup>] Babhan sa Vainya-pratimāna-kīrttis-tamah-pramīdhat-eva-  
 [<sup>14</sup>] guṇ-āmān-jālāḥ [<sup>15</sup>] Tēna rājā Saṅkaragapa-putraḥ gaja-turaga-padāti-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] kōśa-bala-sāmpannah Buddha-rājah vidrāvya Chalikya<sup>2</sup>-vāṁśa-sambhavaḥ ashtā-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] dāśa-samara-vijayinam Svāmī-rājah cha hatvā samvatsara-pūjyatamāyām

## Second plate; second side.

- [<sup>18</sup>] Kārttika-dvādaśyām kṛit-ōpava(vā)sēn-ārechchita-Vishṇunā Kāśyapa-sagōtrasya veda-

<sup>1</sup> The Koṅkaṇas were seven in number,—septa-Koṅkaṇas. The word is used in the plural, though without the numeral prefixed, in *transcr.* I. 10 of No. XIII. of this Series, Vol. V., p. 67.

<sup>2</sup> The first syllable looks somewhat like chā, but this is owing, I think, only to a slip of the engraver's tool. The vowel is properly short.

- [<sup>16</sup>] vēdānga-viduṣaḥ      Sumati-svāmināḥ      putrāya      vēda-vēdānga-pāragāyāḥ(ya)  
 [<sup>17</sup>] Priya-svāminā      kula-śīla-vṛtta-saṃpannāya      Koṃkaṇa-vishayā      niārē-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] yasam=udaka-pūrvvaṃ      Kuṇḍivātaka-grāmō dattāḥ [||\*]      Uktāṃ cha tēna rājñā [||\*]  
 [<sup>19</sup>] Yō amat-kul-ābhyanantarō      nyō vā      rāga-dvēsha-lōbha-mōh-ābhūbhūtō      hi(him)syā  
 [<sup>20</sup>] sa pañcha-mahāpātaka-ōpapatākais=samyuktas=syāt [||\*]      Dharmma-śāstrēshv=apy=uktaḥ [||\*]

## Third plate.

- [<sup>21</sup>] Bahubhir=vvasandhā      bhuktā      rājabbis=Sagar-ādibhiḥ      yasaya      yasaya      yadā  
 [<sup>22</sup>] bhūmiḥ tasya tasya tadā phalam [||\*]      Sva-dattām para-dattām vā yō harēta vasa-  
 [<sup>23</sup>] ndharām      shashṭīm      varsha-sahasrāṇi      viśṭhāyām      jāyatō      krimiḥ ||      Shashṭīm  
 [<sup>24</sup>] varsha-sahasrāṇi      svarggē      tiśṭhātī      bhūmi-dah      āchchhēttā      ch=ānumantā  
 [<sup>25</sup>] cha      tāny=ēva      narakō      vasēt ||      Svan=dātām      su-mahach-chhakyam      dūlṭkha-  
 [<sup>26</sup>] m=anyasya      pālanaṃ      dānaṃ      vā      pālanaṃ      v=ēti      dānāch=chhrēyō      nupālanaṃ=iti[||\*]

## Translation.

Hail! Born in the family of the Chalīkya, who are glorious, and who meditate on the feet of Svāmi-Mahāsēna, and who are of the lineage of Mānavya, and who are the descendants of Hāriti; conversant with the code of laws of Manu and the *Purāṇas* and the epics of the *Rāmāyaṇa* and the *Bhārata*; equal to Bṛihaspati\* in philosophy; having his body purified by ablutions performed after celebrating the *Agnishōma* and *Vājap̄tya* and *Paundarika* (sacrifices) and horse-sacrifices that cost much gold; the favourite of the world on account of his meritorious qualities,—(such was) Vallabha.

His son (was) king Maṅgala, who was an excellent worshipper of (the god) Brahmā; who devastated the countries of his enemies; who adhered to justice in his own country; who delighted in worshipping the gods and the twice-born and spiritual preceptors; whose pure fame pervaded all the countries of the earth; who acquired the wealth of other kings by the strength and prowess of his own arm; who had the gait and the sight and the voice of a bull; who had the actions of a choice elephant infuriated with passion; who had the valour of a lion; who was endowed with the wealth of statesmanship and modesty and charity and tenderness and sincerity and truth; who was possessed of the three constituents of power; and who was an excellent worshipper of (the god) Bhagavān.\* He was glorious,—being possessed of fame that resembled (the fame of) Vainya\*,—with the rays of his virtues, which dispelled the darkness (of sin).

By that king,—when he had driven out king Buddha, who was the son of Śaṃkara-gaṇa, and who was possessed of the power of elephants and horses and foot-soldiers and treasure; and when he had slain king Svāmī, who was born in the family of the Chalīkya, and who had been victorious in eighteen battles,—having fasted on the twelfth day of (the month) Kārttika, which is the most worshipful (lunar day) in the year, and having done worship to (the god) Viṣṇu, the village of Kuṇḍivātaka, in the district of the Koṃkaṇas, was piously given, with libations of water, to Priyaśvāmī, who was thoroughly conversant with the *Vēdas* and *Vēdāngas*, and who was possessed of character and behaviour such as is honourable to a family, the son of Sumatisvāmī, of the Kāśyapa-gotra, who was acquainted with the *Vēdas* and *Vēdāngas*.

And it was said by that king:—"He shall incur the guilt of the five great sins and the minor sins, who may injure (this grant), being overcome by envy or enmity or avarice or folly, whether he be born in my family, or whether he be another person!"

Moreover, it has been said in the sacred writings:—Land has been enjoyed by many kings commencing with Sagara; (&c.)! He is born for the duration of sixty thousand years as a worm in ordure, (&c.)! The giver of land abides for sixty thousand years in heaven; the confiscator (of land), or one who connives (at such an act), dwells for the same number of years in hell! It is easy to give one's own property, but the preservation of (the grant of) another is difficult; (&c.)!

\* The preceptor of the gods.  
 \* Viṣṇu.

\* Vainya, or Vainya,—a patronymic of the Purāṇic king Prithu.



## No. XLI.

The first of the Nêrûr inscriptions is the next in point of age. The plates are three in number, about  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " long by 3" broad. They seem to have a very slightly raised rim to protect the writing; but it is not very decided, and may have been accidentally caused in beating out and shaping the copper. The ring, which is uncut, is about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick and 3" in diameter. The seal has, as before, the representation of a boat, facing to the proper right. The language is Sanskrit. The characters are decidedly rude and irregular, compared with the usual standard of the Chalukya alphabet of this period. The most noticeable points are:—1, The triangular shape of the *va*; 2, the method of marking the vowel *ê* by a stroke above the consonant, instead of at the side of it; and 3, the form of the *tha*, which,—instead of being like *dha*, with a side stroke inside it, as in other early instances, or with a *bindu* inside it, as in later instances,—is like *dha* with a loop formed on the bottom stroke. These three special peculiarities may be seen distinctly in, for instance, the words *prithivî*, l. 10, and *paramêśvara*, l. 11. Though only a few letters are absolutely illegible, yet the plates are so very much worn and abraded that, but for the recurrence of well-known expressions, many passages must have remained doubtful.

This grant gives us two new names in the Western Chalukya genealogy. — Chandrāditya, the eldest son of Pulikēśi II., and the elder brother of Vikramāditya I.,—and his wife Vijayabhāṭṭarikā. Some doubt may be felt as to the name of Vikramā-

ditya's brother. The reading, in l. 14, is undoubtedly *Śrīchandrāditya*, which, if divided as it stands, would give 'Śrī-Indrāditya.' But this person is mentioned again in the 'Kochrē' grant, which is given by General Jacob after the Nêrûr series, and the reading there seems quite plain:—*Anivārita-Vikramādityas-tasya jyêshṭhâ bhṛātâ Śrī-Chandrāditya-prithivīcallubha-mahārāj-ādhirājās-tasya priya-mahishī Kalikāla-pratipakṣa-bhātâ Śrī-Vijayamahādēv* (four letters uncertain) *sarvān-ājñāpayati*. Had the name been 'Indrāditya,' the composer of the inscription would certainly have avoided an awkward coalescence of vowels by writing *Śrīmad-Indrāditya*, just as in *Śrīmad-Uptendra*, which occurs in l. 32 of another of the Nêrûr grants to be noticed below. I myself feel confident, with General Jacob, that the name is really 'Chandrāditya,' the first syllable, *cha*, being omitted here through carelessness on the part of the engraver.

The grant is not dated in the Śaka era; but the details of the date,—at the autumnal equinox, on the second day after the full-moon of the month Āśvayuja,—may perhaps suffice, if a calculation is made, to fix its date in that era. If this grant stood alone, the expression *sarvājya*, in l. 15, might indicate the reign of Vikramāditya, as much as that of Vijayabhāṭṭarikā. But, taking this grant with the 'Kochrē' grant, it appears that Vijayabhāṭṭarikā did reign after her husband's decease,—probably as regent during the childhood of a son, whose subsequent death led to the accession of Vikramāditya I.

## TEXT

## First plate.

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| [ <sup>1</sup> ] Svasti  | Śrīmatām   | śakala-bhuvana-saṁhātāyamaṇa-Mānava-sa-    |
| [ <sup>2</sup> ] gōtrāṇām  | Hārītī-putrāṇām  | sapta-lōka-mātṛībhis-sapta-mātṛībhir-abhi- |
| [ <sup>3</sup> ] rā(rā)kṣhitānām   | Kkū(kā)ritikōya-parirakṣhaṇa-prāpta-kalyāṇa-param[parā*]jñām |  |
| [ <sup>4</sup> ] bhagavan-Nārāyaṇa-prasāda-samāsādita-varāha-lāñchhan-ākhaṇa-kṣha- |  |  |
| [ <sup>5</sup> ] ṇa-vaśikṛit-āśēsha-mahābhṛi(bhṛi)tām                              | Chalukyānām  | kulam-alaṁkariṣṭhōr-sēvamō-                |
| [ <sup>6</sup> ] dh-āvabhṛitha-snāna-pavitrikṛita-gātrasya                         |  | Śrī-Pulikēśi-Vallabha-mahārāja-            |

## Second plate; first side.

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| [ <sup>1</sup> ] sya   | prapautrah | parākkra(kra)m-ākkrā(krā)nta-Vanavāsy-ādi-para-nṛpati-maṇḍala- |
|  |            | prajībuddha-   |
|  |            | pautras-sama-  |
| [ <sup>2</sup> ] viśuddha-kīrtti-Śrī-Kīrtti-varma-prithivīvallabha-mahārājasya                 |            |  |
| [ <sup>3</sup> ] ra-saṁsakta-sakal-ōttarāprī(pa)th-ēśvara-Śrī-Harṣavarādhana-parājay-ōpalabha- |            |  |
| [ <sup>10</sup> ] paramēśvar-āpara-nāmadhēyasya  |            | Satyāśraya-Śrī-prithivīvala-                                   |

- [<sup>14</sup>] bha-mahārāj-ādhirāja-paramēśvara-bhaṭā(ṭṭā)rakassya(sya) priya-tanayō  
 [<sup>15</sup>] rājā ripu-narēndrā[n\*] hatvā diśi [diśi\*] jivā sva-va[śśa-jānām] lakshmiṃ prā(?)pya

*Second plate; second side.*

- [<sup>16</sup>] prāpya cha paramēśvaratām=a-nivārīta-Vikramādityaḥ [||\*] Tasya jyēṣṭha-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] bhrātuh Śrī-[Cha\*]ndrāditya-prithivīvallabha-mahārājasya priya-mahi-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] shī Vijayabhaṭṭārikā [||\*] Sva-rājya-pañchama-ssam(sam)vatsara A(ā)śva-  
 [<sup>19</sup>] yuja-pauruṣamāsasya dvitīyāyām vishuvē bahu-puṇy-ārttham(rttham)  
 [<sup>20</sup>] Na(?)rakāgāharē Vatsassa(sa)gōtrāya(ya) Gṛihapatēḥ putrāya Svāmi-Cha-  
 [<sup>21</sup>] turvēdasya putrāya Āryasvāmi-dīkṣitāya Pāliyamana-

*Third plate.*

- [<sup>22</sup>] pa(?)ṭhadigi(?)śi(?)kā-prabhri(bhri)ti-dakṣiṇē pāriśvashta(?)śhu)ddē-kṣhētrāḥ<sup>2</sup>-udaka-pū-  
 [<sup>23</sup>] rvaṃ dattāḥ [||\*] Tasya vaśśa-jō nirvviśēṣam pari(ri)pālā(la)yati<sup>3</sup> sa  
 [<sup>24</sup>] dātuh puṇya-phala-bhāg=bhavati yō sy=āpahartā sa pañcha-  
 [<sup>25</sup>] bhir=mmahūpātakais=samuyuktō bhavati [||\*] Uktañ=cha bhagavatā Vyā-  
 [<sup>26</sup>] sēna [||\*] Sva-dattām para-dattām vā yō harēta vasundharām shaṣṭīm varaha-  
 [<sup>27</sup>] sahasrāṇi viśṭhāyām jāyatō kṛimih ||

*Translation.*

Hail! The great grandson of the Great King Śrī-Pulakōśī-Vallabha, whose body was purified by ablutions performed after celebrating horse-sacrifices, and who adorned the family of the Chalukyas, who are glorious, and who are of the lineage of Mānavya which is praised over the whole world, and who are the descendants of Hārītī, and who have been preserved by seven mothers who are the seven mothers of mankind, and who have attained an uninterrupted continuity of prosperity through the protection of Kārttikāya, and who have had all kings made subject to them on the instant at the sight of the sign of the Boar which they acquired through the favour of the holy Nārāyaṇa;—the grandson of the Great King Śrī-Kīrttivarmā, the favourite of the world, whose pure fame was established in the territories of the hostile kings of Vana-vāsi and other countries that had been invaded by his prowess;—the beloved son of the favourite of the world, the Great King, the supreme king, the supreme lord, the venerable one, Satyāśraya, who was possessed of the second name of 'Supreme Lord,' acquired by defeating Śrī-Harshavardhana, the war-like lord of all the country of the north;—

(was) the king Vikramāditya, the unpulsed, who, having slain the hostile kings, and having conquered in country after country, recouped the fortunes of those of his family, and attained the supreme lordship.

His elder brother (was) Śrī-Chandrāditya,<sup>4</sup> the favourite of the world, the Great King; whose beloved queen was Vijaya-bhaṭṭārikā.

In the fifth year of her reign, on the second day after the full-moon<sup>5</sup> of (the month) Āśvayuja, at the equinox, for the sake of much religious merit, at (the village of) Narakāgāhara, the fields of .....<sup>6</sup>, to the south of Pāliyamapathadigirikā &c., were given (by her), with libations of water, to Āryasvāmidīkṣita, the son of Svāmi-Chaturvēda, and the son's son of Gṛihapati of the Vatsa gōtra.

He of that (king's) lineage, who preserves (this grant) without distinction, enjoys the reward of the religious merit of the giver; he, who confiscates it, incurs the guilt of the five great sins! And it has been said by the holy Vyāsa:—He is born as a worm in ordure for the duration of sixty thousand years, who confiscates land that has been given, whether by himself or by another!

<sup>2</sup> See para. 2 of the introductory remarks.

<sup>3</sup> General Jacob's Pandita read Pāliyamapathadigirikā-prabhṛtīdākṣiṇēparivṛṣṭāḥkṣhīd, and translate "the privilege of supervision (i.e., benefice) of the eight markets, Pāliyam, Adigirikā, &c." I do not quite see how that translation is made out of that reading. I cannot much improve on their reading; but the last two syllables seem to me kṣhīd, not kṣhīd.

<sup>4</sup> There are perhaps two letters, now illegible, after this word.

<sup>5</sup> See note 6 above.

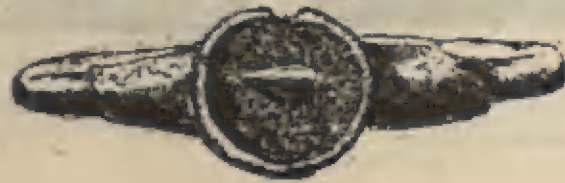
<sup>6</sup> Or, perhaps, "on the second day of the fortnight of the full-moon, i.e., of the bright fortnight."

<sup>7</sup> See note 7 above. Pāriśvashta(?)śhu)ddē is unintelligible, but perhaps contains the names of some fields, since kṣhētra, which is a neuter noun, is used in the masc. or fem. nomin. plural.









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## PERSONAL NAMES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE AHMADABAD COLLECTORATE AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY.

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This is a revision of the lists published in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. IV. p. 236, with additions. The gathering-ground may be said to be now Gohilwād, Jhālīwād, Kāthīwād proper, and the Bhāl; the former list was pretty nearly confined to the tālukās of Dhañdhukā and Goghā, which are arbitrary political divisions.

Experience having shown that attempts at classification are premature, one list in dictionary order has been substituted for the four lists formerly given. In it the specification of caste is only meant to show the uses which have come under the compiler's observation, without implying that other uses are non-existent.\*

Abhe-sing, Gr.; -chand, W.; -ji, Kāth.

Abuji, Mol.

Adā, Ko. Ch.; -sing, Gr.

Ādit, Bā.

Agābhāi, Gr.

Agarsing, Gr.

Ājā, Ko. Wāg.; -bhāi, Mol.

Akubhā, Mol.

Ālā, Kāth. Bh. Ko. Dh.

Alaiyā, Kāth.

Alek, Kāth.

Amābhāi, Gr.

Ambā, Ko. Kum. Kap.; -lāl, Kah.; -rām, Kap.

Amhaidās, So.

Ami-ji, Mol. V.; -chand, W.

Amrā, Kāth. Bh. Ko. Kum. Dh. Wāg.; -sing, Gr.;

-si, Sut. Sat.; -chand, W.

Ānand, Khoj. Khojā; -ji, W.; -rām, Br.

Apā, Ko. Kum. Dh. Mā.

Anubhāi, Gr.

Aprub, Ko.

Arjap, Wāg. Ko. R. Kum. Sut. Kāth. Lā.; -lāl, Br.

Āshābhāi, Gr.

Ātābhāi, Gr.

Bahādar, Ko.

Bakā, Bā.

Baliābhāi, Gr.

Bāpji, Gr.

Banā, R.; Bane, Bā.; -sing, Gr.

Bāpu-bhāi, Gr.; -miān, -sāheb, Mol.

Bāwā, Kāth. Ko. Bh. Wāg. Kum. Dh. Lā. W.

-ji, Gr. Mol.; -miān, Mus.

Bechar, Wāg. Ko. Jogi, Bhau. W. Kap. Kum.

R. Sat. Kh. Bhang.; -sing, -ji, Gr.

Bhābhā, Ko. R. Bhāi-ji, Ko.; -chand, W. Kum.

Bhagā, Bhagu, Ko. Ch. Cham. R.

Bhagwān, Ko. D. Br. Kum. R. Bh. Sat.

Bhalā, Ko.

Bhāiā, Kāth. Kap. Ko. Kum. Mā.; -ji, R.

Bhāñkar-ji, R. Bhārā, -mal, Ko. Mus.; -ji, Gr.

Bhāthi, Ko.

Bhāwā, Ko. R.

Bhāṭṭā, Ko.

Bhāusing, R.

Bhawān, Kap. Rāw. R. W. Ko. Mus.

Bhāyā, So. Ch. Kāth.; -ji, Gr.

Bhimā, Bhim, Ko. Kāth. Bh. R. Kap. Kum. Rāw.

Sat. D. W.; -ji, Gr.

Bhojā, Ko. Kāth. Rab. Cham.

Bhold, Lr.; -bhāi, Gr.

Bhupat-sing, Gr.

Bhurā, W.

Bijal, Wāg. Ko. Rab. Āh. Dh. Bhang.

Boghā, Ko. Jogi, W. Kum. Wāg. Bh. R. Sat.

Boṭā, Bh. Ko.

Chhagan, Ko. Br.

Chaku, Ko. W.

Chāmpā, Kāth.; -si, W. Chohā, Kāth. Wāg. Dh.

Chauthiyā, Ko.

Chikā, Ko. W. R. Chomla, Kāth. Chondā, Ko.

Dādā, Kāth.; -bhāi, Mol. Gr.; -ji, Gr.

Dāji, R. D. Ch. W. Bhang.; -bhāi, Gr.

Dalā, Ko.; -bhāi, Gr.

Dānā, Ko. Kāth. Āh. Kh. B.; -sing, Ko.

Dasā, Kāth.

Dayā, Kap. Ko.

Dopāji, Gr.

Desal, R.; -ji, Gr.

Devā, Wāg. Kāth. R. Kum. Cham. Ko. Sat.; -dān,

Wag.; -rāj, Rājgar; -ji, -bhāi, Gr.; -karan, Ch.;

-si, -chand, W.; -shankar, -ji, Br.; -dās, Rab.

Devi-sing, Gr.

Desā, Āh. Kāth.; -bhāi, Gr.

Devit, Kāth.

Dawal, W.

Dhanā, Kap. Bh. Jogi, D. Ko. Ch. Kum. R. Sat.

Dhārsi, W.

Dipā, W.

Doat, Ko. R. Kāth. Kh. Sat. Bhang.; -ji, Gr.;

-bhāi, Gr.; miān, Mus.

Dudhā, Ko. Kap. Kum. Sat.; -bhāi, Gr.

Dungar, -ji, Gr.

Dyālā, Bh. D.

Ebhal, Kāth.

Gadhā, Ko.

Gagā, Wāg. Ko. Bhu. Rāw. Gagū-bhāi, Mol.

Gagal, W. Galā, Ko.

Gajā, R.; -bhāi, Gr.

Gāndā, Ko. D.

Ganesh, Kap. Ko. Kum. Sat. Bhang.

Ganga-bhāi, Gr.; -ji, Gr.

Gemalsing, Gr.

Ghehelā, Wāg. Kāth. Ko. W. Kap. R.; -bhāi, Gr. Bā.

Giga, Kho. Meh. Ko. W. Kāth. Sut. Rāw.

Gobar, Ko. Āh. Kum. Gedā, Kāth. Gōjibhāi, Gr.

Goftā, Kh.

Gokal, Ko. Kum. Sat. Ch.

Golan, Kāth.

Gopā, Ko.

Gopāl, W. Ko. Kap. Lā.; -ji, R.; -sing, Gr.

\* The following abbreviations are used:—

Āh. Āhir  
Bā. Bārot  
Bh. Bhārwal  
Bhang. Bhangiyā  
Bhan. Bhanasr.  
Br. Brāhman

Ch. Chāman  
Cham. Chamār  
D. Darzi (Sāi)  
Dh. Dhod  
Gr. Grāsā  
Kāth. Kāthi

Ko. Koli  
Kh. Khawā  
Khoj. Khojāk  
Kho. Khojā  
Kum. Kumbhār  
Kap. Kāchi

Kah. Kahatri  
Lā. Lawānā  
Lr. Lawār  
Mā. Māli  
Meh. Mehman  
Mo. Mochi

Mel. Molesām  
Mus. Muslimān  
R. Rājpūt  
Rah. Rābār  
Rāw. Rāwal  
Sat. Sātārā

So. Soni  
Sut. Sātār.  
V. Vohrā  
W. Wāriyā  
Wāg. Wāghri

- Gordhan, W. Lr.  
 Govind, Wāg. Ko. Kum. Bh. Lr. Sat. ; -ji, W.  
 Goyā, Kap. Dh. W. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Gumān, Ko. ; -bhā, Mol.  
 Gultān, Bhaug. Gumānbhā, Mol. Gusā, Bh.  
 Hada, W. Haḍbhāi, Gr. Hagābhāi, Gr.  
 Hāḍā, Ko. Wāg. R.  
 Haka, W. Kh. Br. ; -bhāi, Gr. Hāḍā, Ko.  
 Hāḍbhāi, Gr. Hāmā, -ji, Ko. Bh. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Hamir, R. Ko. Kāth. Āh. ; -ji, Gr. R.  
 Hanji, -bhāi, Gr. Bā. Hānsrāj, W.  
 Hanubhāi, Gr. Harbham, Ko. ; -ji, Gr.  
 Hari, Ko. R. Kap. Br. W. D. So. Wāg. ; -sur,  
 Kāth. Ch.  
 Harji, Ko. W. Kum. Lā.  
 Harkhā, Mā, So. ; -ji, W. Kap.  
 Hathi-yā, Ko. R. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Hāthi, Ko. Bh. Kāth. R. Kap. Bhaug. ; -ji, R.  
 Hima, Ko. ; -chand, -rāj, W.  
 Hirā, Ko. R. ; -ji, Sat. Hothi, Bh. Mol.  
 Ichchhā, -ji, R.  
 Jādrā, Kāth. Jāḍā, Ko.  
 Jagā, R. ; -mulji, Mol. Gr.  
 Jagubhāi, Gr. Jāḍā, or Joitā, Kāth.  
 Jala, W. Jāmā, Ko. Jamābhāi, Gr.  
 Jasā, Ko. R. Wāg. Kāth. Sat. Ch. ; -ji, -bhāi, Gr. ;  
 -rāj, W.  
 Jaemat, Ko. Kum. ; -sing, Gr.  
 Je-rāj, Ko. Bhaug. ; -mulji, Gr. ; -sing, R. Ko. W.  
 Kap. ; -chānd, W. ; -shānkar, Br. ; -karan, Ko. ;  
 -rām, Kap. Br.  
 Jesā, Ko. Jet, R.  
 Jethā, Kap. R. Ko. W. Kum. Kāth. Khaḍ. Mā.  
 Dh. Cham. ; -sūr. Kāth. ; -si, W.  
 Jethi, R. Mus. ; -sing, -bhāi, Gr. Jhāhālā, Wāg.  
 Jhālam, Wāg. ; -sing, Gr.  
 Jhaver, Kap. W. Lā.  
 Jhinā, Bh. Mus. Ko. Bhaug. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Jhūjhā, Wāg. W. Bhaḍ.  
 Jiji-bhāi, Gr. Chā. Jibāwā, Gr.  
 Jivā, Ko. Kāth. Bh. Mus. Kum. Āh. Cham. Sat.  
 Dh. ; -bhāi, Gr. ; -rāj, Ko. W.  
 Jivan, Mus. R. Ch. ; -ji, Gr. ; -ā, Kāth.  
 Jodhā, Ko. R. Mo. ; -bhāi, Bā.  
 Juthā, Kap. Kāth. W.  
 Kabā, Ko. R. Kābhāi, Ko.  
 Kadwā, Wāg. Dh. Ko. W.  
 Kābhāḍā, Wāg. Ko. Bh. Kap. Kum. Kh. ; -ji, So.  
 Kākā, Kāp. Ch. ; -bhāi, Gr. Kākal, Ko.  
 Kalā, Ko. W. Kum. Kap. Cham. Sat. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Kālā, Ko. Kāth. Kum. R. Bhaug.  
 Kālā, R. Ko. Mus. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Kalyān, Ko. W. Br. Sat. ; -sing, Gr.  
 Kamā, Ko. ; -bhāi, -jibhāi, Gr.  
 Kanthad, Kāth. Āh. ; -bhaḍ, Gr.  
 Karamsi, Sat. Lā. Karmal, Rah. Karpā, R.  
 Karān, Ko. Kap. W. Kum. R. Lā. Bā.  
 Kasā, W. Ko. Mus. R. Dh. Bhaug. Kap. ; -bhāi,  
 -sing, -ji, Gr.  
 Kāwā, Ko. Kayābhāi, Gr.  
 Kesā-bhāi, Gr. Kesar, R.  
 Kesav, Ko. So. Lr. ; -ji, So. ; -lāl, W. Kah.  
 Kāwājī, R.  
 Kesri, -sing, Gr. Kheṅgār-bhāi, Gr. Kheṅg, Bh.  
 Khetā, Ko. Bh. Sat. ; -si, W.  
 Khimā, Ko. Cham. Dh. W. ; -bhāi, Gr. ; -chand, W.  
 Khimā, Ko. Cham. ; -chānd, W. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Khoḍā, Ko. W. Lr. Kap. Kāth. Sat. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Khamānsing, Gr.  
 Khāḍā, W. Kap. Kuber, So. W. ; -ji, Br.  
 Kikā, W. ; -bhāi, Gr. Kumā, Kāth.  
 Kumbhāi, Gr.  
 Kūiwarā, Ko. Kap. ; -ji, W. ; -sing, Mol.  
 Lādhā, Kum. Ladhā, W. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Lagdhir, Kāth. Lakhā, Ko. Kh. Meh.  
 Lakhā, R. Ko. Bh. Kum. Kāth. Ch. ; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Lakehman, Kāth. Sat. R.  
 Lalā, Ko. Mus. Kum. ; -chānd, W. Lala, So.  
 Lomā, Kāth. Lupa, Āh. Kāth. ; -vir, Kāth.  
 Māchā, Kāth. Madārsing, Gr.  
 Mādhā, Ko. Sat. Kap. Sat.  
 Mādhav-ji, W. Kho. ; -sing, Gr.  
 Maghā, Ko. Satār. Makān. Lā. W. Sat. ; -dā, Kap.  
 Mālā, Ko. Bh. Wāg. R. Kum. Bhaug.  
 Māmaiya, Kāth.  
 Mānā, Ko. R. Bhaug. ; -sing, R. Ko. Wāg. ; -ji,  
 Gr. ; -sūr, Kāth.  
 Māndan, Ko. Kum. Sat., Kāth. Wāḷānd.  
 Maṅgā, Ko. Manor, Br. D.  
 Mānsiyā, Kāth. Manubhā, Gr.  
 Mānu, Ko. Kāth. Mathura, Br. W. Mā.  
 Mātrā, Kāth. Māu, Ch.  
 Māwā, Ko. R. Kum. Cham. ; -ji, W. Sat. Kap.  
 Sat. ; -singji, -bhāi, Gr.  
 Mechar, Ch.  
 Meghā, Ko. Cham. Bhaug. R. Sat. Ch. ; -ji, Kho.  
 Keligor ; -rājji, -bhāi, Gr.  
 Mehā, Kāth. Mehtāb, Bā. Mekā, Ch.  
 Melābhāi, Gr.  
 Mepā, Ko. ; -ji, -bhāi, Gr. Marām, Ko. Kāth.  
 Meru-bhāi, Gr. ; -ji, R. Mesur, Kāth. Ch.  
 Miṭhā, Ko. W. V. Moḍbhāi, Gr.  
 Mohon-ji, Gr. Moti, Kum. ; -bhāi, Mol. Gr. -lāl, W.  
 Mokā, Kāth. ; -ji, Gr. Mujhāl, Ch.  
 Mulā, Ko. ; -ji, Sat., Ko. Lr. ; -chānd, W.  
 Mulu, Ko. Kāth. Khaḍ. ; -bhāi, Gr. Mol. Bhāt. }  
 Nāg, Kāth. Bh. ; -ji, W. Ko. Gr. ; -jap, Kāth.  
 Nāgar, W.  
 Nājhā, Wāg. Ko. Bh. Kāth. Rab. Wāḷānd.  
 Nānā, Ko. So. Kap. D. Cham. W., Kāth. V. ; -bhā,  
 Gr. ; -ji, Sat. Gr.  
 Nanu, Ch. Nāpā, Kāth.  
 Nāran, Bh. Br. Ko. Dh. R. Cham. Wāg. Kum.  
 Kap. ; -sing, Gr.



Narsi, Kap. D. Kum.  
 Nārsingji, Gr.  
 Nātha, Ko. Kum. Kap. Sat. Bhaug.; -ji, Mol.  
 Mus.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Nathu, R. Kāth. Mus. W. Ko. Jogi, Kum. Dh.  
 Koligor, Bā. D. Mo. Bhaug. Wāg.; -rām, Br.;  
 -bhāi, Gr.  
 Noghanbhāi, Gr.  
 Oḍha, Kāth. Ko. Odhar, W. Rājgar.  
 Oghad, Kāth. R. Bār. Okha, R.  
 Paehān, Bhaug.; -ji, Gr.  
 Panā, Cham.; -ji, W. Pānā, W.  
 Pānchā, Ko. Bh. Kum.  
 Parmā, Ko. Ch. Kum.  
 Parāttam, W. Sus. Kap. Pārvatī-sing, R.  
 Pāthā, -bhāi, Gr.  
 Pathā, Ko. R. Wāg.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Pathu, Ko.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Poṭha, Kum. Chā. Photo, Mus.; -sing, Gr.  
 Phajjibhāi, Gr. Phulā, Ch.; -ji, W. Mol.  
 Pitāmbar, Ko. Lā.  
 Pitha, Dh. Pomlā, Kāth.  
 Prāg, Kap. Ko. Mā. Sat.  
 Prabhātsing, Gr.  
 Pratāp-sing, Gr. Premā-jī, Ko.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Punā, Ko. Jogi, Bh.  
 Puṣjā, Ko. Kum. Kāth. R. Rab.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Rāghā, Bh. Ko.  
 Raghā, Ko. W.; -nāth, W. Kh.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Rāghav, Kap. Raimal, Mus. Bhāt.  
 Rājā, Ko. Rab. Ch.; -sur, Ch.; -bhāi, Gr. Rāja,  
 Mus.  
 Rām, Rāmā, Ko. R. Kum. Bhan. Wāg. Kāth.  
 Bhaug.; -bhāi, -sing, Gr.; -ji, Br.; -ji, -sing.  
 R. Ko. Ch. Mo.; -ai, Rab.; -rāo, -sur, -dās, Ch.;  
 -chandra, Br.  
 Rantū, Ko.  
 Rāpā, Kān. Kāth. Ko. Bh.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Rānchhod, Ko. R. Kum. Kap. W. Wāg.; -ji, Gr.  
 Rāpīng, Kāth.  
 Rāsā, Kh. Ko.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Ratnā, Bh. Ko. Rab. R. Mo.; -sing, Gr.; -ji, Br.  
 -si, W.  
 Rāwā-bhāi, Gr. Rāvat, Kāth.  
 Rayā, Ko. Rowā, Ko. W.  
 Rudā, Bh. Jogi, Ko. Dh. Sat.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Rukhad, Ko. Kāth. Rab.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Rupā, Ko. Rab.; -sing, Ko. R.; -singji, Gr.  
 Sādā, Jogi. Sādai, Ko. Ah. Kāth.  
 Sagā, Bh.  
 Sagrām, Ko. Bh. Gr. }  
 Sājan, Ch.  
 Sāmā, R. Kum. Sat. Bhaug. W. Dh. Cham.; -ji,  
 So. Lā. Br.  
 Sāmbu, Kap. Sāmtā, Sāmat, Ko. Kāth. Cham.  
 Sāngā, Ko. Kāth.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Sāngā, Ko.; -ji, W.; -jibhāi, Gr.

Sārā, Ko. Sartānsing, Gr. Satābhāi, Gr.  
 Sawā, Ko. Bhaug. Bhan. Cham. Wāg.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Selār, Kāth. Sessā, Kāth. Śibhāi, Ko.  
 Somā, Ko. Somā, Kāth. Subhāg, -chānd, W.  
 Sujābhāi, Gr. Sūdar, -ji, W.  
 Surā, Ko. Kāth. Rab. Cham.; -sing, Ko.  
 Suruag, Kāth. Sorbān, Ko.  
 Takhā, Ko. Takhtsing, Gr.  
 Tejā, W. Ko. Bh. Kum. Sat. R.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Thakar, -ai, W. Kap.  
 Thebā, Kāth. Thobhan, Wāg. Ko. Sut.  
 Tida, Ko. Trikām, Dh. Sas. Khoja; -ji, Br.  
 Ugā, Kāth.  
 Ukā, Wāg. Dh. Ko. W. Kap. Rab. Sat. Bhaug.  
 Unnā, Kāth.  
 Vaholā, Kāth. Ko.; -ai, W. Vikamui, Kāth.  
 Vijābhāi, Gr. Vikabhāi, Gr.  
 Virā, Ko. R. Sat., Kāth. Kum. Lr.; -bhāi, Bhāt.;  
 -ji, Sat.  
 Visā, Ko. Rab.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Viṭhal, Lā. Kap. Voldān, Kāth.  
 Wāghā, Kāth. R. Ko. Kum. Ch. W. Rab.; -ji,  
 W.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Wāhālā, Ko.; -ji, W. Wajā, Bh. Ko. Wāg. Sat.  
 R.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Wājā, -sur, Kāth. Waju, Ko. R.; -bhāi, Gr.  
 Wakhtā, R.; -sing, bhāi, Gr. Waumālī, Sut.  
 Warjāng, Bh. Wareābhāi, Gr.  
 Warsi, Ko. Wareng, R.  
 Wasā, Ko. Wāsan, Kap.  
 Wazām, Ko. D. Ch. Kum. R. Sat. Mā. Rab.  
 Cham. W.  
 Wastā, Ko. Khad. Khoja, Sat. W.

## Names of Females.

Ajubā, Gr.; Ambi, So.; Andibā, Gr.; Bājirāj,  
 Gr.; Bākunwar, Gr.; Bālnā, Gr.; Benā, Ko.;  
 Devdebāi, Kāth.; Dhani, Ko.; Dhanubā, Gr.;  
 Godhvari, Lā.; Harakh, Mā.; Hari, Kap.; Hirbā,  
 Gr.; Jekor, Br.; Jhakal, Sat.; Khāi, W.; -bā,  
 Gr.; Kusli, Sut.; Kanku, Mā.; Kesar, Ko.;  
 Lādu, Ko.; Lakshmi, Ko. W.; Lākhu, Ko. Rab.;  
 Māidebā, Kāth.; Mājibā, Gr.; Me, Ah.; Moṅghi,  
 Gr.; Nānibā, Gr.; Pāmbā, Gr.; Pān, Ko. Kum.;  
 Pārvati, W.; Phāibā, Gr.; Photri, Ko.; Phul,  
 Kum.; Pān, Ko. W.; Puṅji, Ko.; Rādhā, Kum.;  
 Rāja, Kum.; Rāpi, Ch.; Shambā, Gr.; Sejābā,  
 Gr.; Tājubā, Gr.; Teju, Ko.; Ujī, Br.; Wakh-  
 tubā, Gr.; Walu, Ko.

The following names were collected by the  
 compiler in the northern talukās of Ahmadābād  
 (Daskrohi and Parāntij) :—

Andā, Agrā, Alu, Bhājī, Dosā, Gobar, Gokal,  
 Hari, -bhāi, Hira, Hamir, -ji, Heras, -chānd, Jagu,  
 -ji, -Jodhā, Jumā, -ji, Kālā, Kamā, Kāhānā, Kishor,  
 Magā, Mānā, -sing, Rāghu, -ji, Rānchhod, Sagā,  
 Virā, Ko.

Banā, -ji, Jāmā, -ji, Thākardā, Ko.; Bechar, Ko. Kan. W.; Dādā, Desāi, -bhāi, Kan.; Der-karan, Bā.; Gopāl, Lr.; Kālidās, Kan.; Kuber, Bhañ.; Mulu, -ji, Gr.; Nāhālā, Bā.; Nāthā, Bhañ.; Nathu, Kan. Ko.; Pośwā, Bhoi (this is a diminutive of Parśotam); Raiji, Bā.; Rāmā, Bhañ. Ko.; Wakhtā, -chand, W.; Wāsā, -ji, Gr.; Waśrām, Bhoi; Wasta, Bhoi; Loju, a Koli woman.

Experience justifies the following notes and hints:—

Of affixes, *lāl*, *chānd*, *rām*, *dās*, are high-caste; *ji* is universal, *bhāi* and *sing* are chiefly used by the Rājput Grāsīs; aspiring Kolis also use *sing*, or *iang* as it is locally pronounced. The diminutives *lā*, *dā*, *iyā* are usually appended to the names of Kolis, Dheds, Wāghris, and the like, by members of other castes; *kā* is used for boys.

Only such Musulmān names are given as are plainly Hindu. These are found very numerous among the Molesalām Grāsīs, and point to the imperfect character of their Muhammadanism.

In many cases final *o* is represented by *ā* in these lists; it often disappears before an affix.

Such uncomplimentary names as *Gāṇḍā* and *Juthā* may be given to denote the qualities of their bearers. In one instance I had a name before me which was certainly due to such a cause,—a deaf and dumb Bharwād boy was called *Mugā*.

By Rajput all through, as opposed to Grāsīā, is meant the non-land-owning Rajputs—mere cultivators, servants, and hangers-on.

Does not the affix *-sur*, which is used only by Kāṭhis and by the Chārāns of Kāthiāwād proper, point to sun-worship?

The Kāṭhis always prefer the forms *Bhim*, *Bhoj*, *Rām*, *Bhañ*, &c. to *Bhimā*, *Bhojā*, *Rāma*, *Bhānā*. Nor do they ever use affixes such as *-sing*, *-bhāi*, *-ji*, but are always spoken of with the name of their tribe, as *Alā Khāchar*, *Bhoj Khāchar*, *Bhañ Khāchar*; *Jivā Dhāndhal*, or *'dhal*; *Bukhaḍ Khawād*.

A correspondent of the *Bombay Gazette* took exception to *-sing* on the Dehli banners of some chiefs, saying it should be *-sih* or *-siugh*. Doubtless, but the Gujarātis at least always write it *-sing*, or even, as it is often pronounced, *-iang*.

*Sawa* is sometimes pronounced *Śawa*, and with the diminutive *Śivla*. Is then *Śawa* a form of *Śiv*, and another instance of Gujarāti fondness for changing *i* into *a*?

The following, which have been given above as independent names, would seem to be, in origin at least, diminutives:—

*Jasā* for *Jasmat* = *Jaswant*; *Kalā* for *Kalyān*; *Lakhā* for *Lakshman*; *Bhagā* and *Bhagu* for *Bhagwān*; and *Gopā* for *Gopāl*.

## CHERA OR GAṆGA GRANTS OF A.D. 350 AND 481.

BY LEWIS RICE, BANGALOR.

Two more important inscriptions have come to hand relating to what have been denominated the Chera kings, but whom it seems more correct to call the Gaṅga kings,—a designation given to them in all the inscriptions yet discovered, not one of which contains any mention of the title Chera.

The first of these inscriptions was produced at Harihara before Major Cole, Superintendent of the Inām Settlement, in support of an alleged endowment by Bukka Rāya of Vijayanagar (!),—a sufficient evidence that its possessor had not the remotest notion of its contents, for they purport to be a thousand years older than Bukka Rāya, and relate to a part of Maisur diametrically opposite to Harihara. The grant is engraved on three copper plates (6½ in. by 2½ in.), which are in a fair state of preservation. They

are strung together on a metal ring, secured by the figure of an elephant, about an inch long, the ring passing between the four legs, which are closed together below. The most remarkable feature about this inscription is the singular admixture of characters in which it is written. There are certainly two, if not three, alphabets used; the chief one, which appears to me of much importance, a very primitive form of Hale Kannada; another a slightly later form, but only used in a few letters; the third a form of Devanāgarī.<sup>1</sup>

The date of this inscription, it is calculated, must be A.D. 350. It is therefore 116 years older than the Merikara plates, and—with the exception of one, mentioned by Prof. Eggeling as contained in Sir Walter Elliot's collection—the oldest yet discovered of this line.

The second grant was found among the old

<sup>1</sup> The accompanying facsimile plate will best exhibit the characters in which these plates are inscribed.—Ed.



## ALPHABETS OF THE HARIHARA PLATES (A.D. 350).

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
		अ		ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ
k क	ख	ग	घ	ङ	च	छ	ज	झ	ञ
kh	gh								
g	gh								
ṅ	ṅ								
ch	ch								
chh	chh								
j	j								
ḥ	ḥ								
ḍ	ḍ								
ṇ	ṇ								
t	t								
d	d								
dh	dh								
n	n								
p	p								
b	b								
bh	bh								
m	m								
y	y								
r	r								
l	l								
v	v								
ś	ś								
sh	sh								
ṣ	ṣ								
h	h								
l	l								
r	r								

Doubtful characters:— ॐ, ॐ, ॐ, ॐ. Unless included in the foregoing, the following letters do not occur:—gh, ṅ, ṭh, ḍh, th, ph.

It is conjectured that the following letters show the original forms of vowels in combination with consonants:—

च ra, ण ai, ण ai, च ra, छ bhe, ण ai, ण lo.

records of the Assistant Commissioner's Court in Bangalor, while removing to new premises, and has been placed in the local Museum. It consists now of four copper plates ( $7\frac{1}{2}$  in.  $\times$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  in.) a good deal worn, strung on a metal ring as usual, but the seal is gone, and a fifth plate—the last—has evidently been abstracted. The inscription is very lightly engraved in thin but distinct and well formed Hale Kannada characters. The last side, however, is quite illegible. There is no information as to how, when, or whence the plates found their way to where they were discovered.

In the first inscription we have the record of a gift of land in the village of Devanūru, in Karenāḍ, within the government of Talavānapura, made by the ruler of that district, a prince who was the son of Viśṇu Gopa, and whose name was apparently Rāja Malla. The endowment was a reward for a gallant exploit performed by Rāma Deva, the son of a Gavāḍa, a village chief or head-man, of the Yera-kula caste, in rescuing the prince's wife and attendants from the hands of some enemy and conducting them in safety to the capital. The date of the transaction is given, as far as I can make out, according to the Śaka, here written *Saga*, or era of Śālivāhana, followed by the name of the cycle year, which is Sādhāraṇa.<sup>2</sup> Guided by this I calculate that the date is S. Ś. 272 (A.D. 350)\*; but some of the characters used in this part are so strange and unfamiliar that I am uncertain whether they are numerals or letters, or the latter used for the former. An old cave-numeral occurs in the Merkara plates, but the characters here do not correspond with any of the old numerals that have been published. The letters *ṇayana*, which if 'eyes' would stand for 2, alone seem plain. If the next word is *gār*, 'language,' it would be 3. But, I have failed to decipher this sentence to my satisfaction, and possibly it may not be a date at all.

But, in whatever way this may be read, there is little doubt that the date above given must be arrived at. For we are limited to the year Sādhāraṇa, and, according to the only information we have, Viśṇu Gopa's predecessor on the throne, Hari Varma, was reigning in

288, and the reign of Mādhaṇya, his successor on the throne, ended in 425. The Sādhāraṇa in question must evidently be one falling between these two dates as extremes, and it will thus be found that we have only two years to choose from,—either S. Ś. 272 (A.D. 350) or S. Ś. 332 (A.D. 410). That the former is the right one seems to me antecedently more probable. For between 288 and 425, taking it for granted we know of all the kings who ruled then, we have to allow, first, for the conclusion of the reign of Hari Varma, already for certain at least 41 years on the throne; second, for the entire reign of Viśṇu Gopa, which must have been a very long one, for the expression regarding him in the first of the grants of this line last published by me (*Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 137), that "his mental energy was unimpaired to the end of life," seems only consistent with a career prolonged beyond the usual limits; third, for the reign of Mādhaṇya. Now the donor in the present grant is the son of Viśṇu Gopa, and we may conclude from the way in which he is mentioned that he was a provincial governor under his father, who was still alive. Assuming that Viśṇu Gopa came to the throne about 290, he would in 350 have reigned 60 years. If, on the other hand, the date 410 is adopted, we must keep him on the throne 120 years! Whether Mādhaṇya, declared in the various inscriptions to have been the son of Viśṇu Gopa, was the same as this Rāja Malla seems very doubtful. The Tamil chronicle relating to these kings describes a break in the succession after Viśṇu Gopa, and, although the inscriptions hitherto found give no countenance to such a break, there certainly seems room for one or more kings between him and Mādhaṇya, and Rāja Malla may have so intervened. The second of our present inscriptions abstains, it will be noticed, from calling Mādhaṇya the son of Viśṇu Gopa, but the next king is also treated in the same way, though there seems no doubt that he succeeded his father.

The genealogy of the kings is not given in this inscription, which mentions only the founder of the line, and the donor's father. The royal

\* It is pretty generally agreed that the cycle of sixty years is a comparatively recent invention, and was not used before the tenth century: see *Jour. As. Soc. Beng.* vol. II. p. 57; Reimund, *Prog. Arab. et Pers.* p. 140. The saivatsara year Viśṇu is given in the British Museum

plates professing to be of the reign of Pulikēṣi I. and dated Śaka 411; but that grant is a forgery—probably of the tenth or eleventh century.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> Though I once thought 332 might be made of it, or even 380 forced out.



prince, Rāja Malla, as we have assumed, has among others the title 'lord of Kōḷālapura' or Kolar, and this title continued to be borne by the same line of kings long after, as may be seen in the Coorg inscriptions of the 9th century,\* one of the kings in which was also called Bācha Malla.

The site of the grant can be easily identified. The village Devanāra is still known by the same name, and is situated about fifteen miles south-west of Talavanapura or Talakāḍu. It now forms one of the endowments of the temple of Chāmarājesvara at Chāmarājnagar. It is interesting to note that the subdivision to which it belonged was called Karenāḍ, literally 'black country,'—no doubt on account of the black cotton soil which there abounds—for this is exactly the form conjectured by Dr. Gundert to be the original of Karṇāṭa, and he gives the same reason for the name. Another village, that of Badanevāla, mentioned in describing the boundaries, is close to Devanāra, and still bears the same name. The grant is witnessed by the Head of the Edenāḍ Seventy. This sub-division has already been identified in connection with two inscriptions (*Ind. Ant.* I. 362, V. 135), but in the first of them, owing to a slight mistake of the engraver of the grant, it was described as *saptari*, 'seven,' instead of *saptati*, 'seventy.' The latter is undoubtedly correct, as we have similar divisions mentioned in various parts of Mäiser in old grants, such as the Jiddadige or Jiddulige Seventy, the Arabela Seventy, &c.

But, as before stated, the great peculiarity of this inscription, and what seems to me to constitute its chief interest, is the primitive old characters, different from any yet published that I have met with, in which it is mostly written, and the singular changes from that to Devanāgarī, apparently without any rule. I think this may perhaps be partly accounted for on the ground that the grant was not one made, as usual in such cases, to a temple, a Brāhmaṇ, or a member of a learned class, but to a Gauḍa's son. He probably knew as little of Sanskrit or the orthodox forms adopted by the genealogists of the court as the same class do now: hence a sort of patchwork introduction, contributed it

may be by different persons, themselves imperfectly acquainted with the forms and language. On the other hand, the exploit of which he was the hero, and for which he obtained the reward, is described in the most straightforward manner, in the plainest Kannāḍa: for this part he could fully comprehend, and there was no mistake about it. The boundaries again run off into Sanskrit, and were perhaps written down by some Brāhmaṇ *śāśabhog*.

The primitive old character, to which I have referred, evidently has an affinity to those used in the edicts of Aśoka, but still does not correspond with either the earlier or the later alphabets employed in them. I am strongly inclined to believe, from the uniform reference in the inscriptions of these Gaṅga kings to the first Koṅgaṇi's achievement in overthrowing a certain pillar, that one of those columns erected by Aśoka and inscribed with his edicts, of which several have been found in the north, may be referred to, and still awaits discovery in the south. The pillars were called *śīla stambha*, or 'virtue-pillars,' and on referring to the Merkara plates I find that *śīla* is the term most distinctly there used. It is true it is written *śīla stambha* in the present grant but one peculiarity of this is that no distinction is made between long and short *i*, and no conclusion, therefore, can be founded on it. The term *śīla stambha* would be unintelligible, as a rule, to Brāhmaṇs and the uninitiated, and hence its conversion into *śīla stambha*, as used in nearly all the grants—the most natural in the world.

Having gone so far as to hazard the prediction that a pillar inscribed with the edicts of Aśoka may yet be found in the south, it may be allowable to venture a step further, and anticipate that the most ancient alphabet used in the present grant may prove to be the one in which it is written, so much does it resemble in general style those deciphered by Prinsep.

The second inscription attached to this paper records a grant by a king whose name is generally given as Avinīta or Durvinīta, but who is here simply styled Koṅgaṇi Mahārāja. In the second of the grants last published by me (*Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 133), most of the

\* Published in *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 100. Mr. Kittel will no doubt permit me to suggest a correction in the third inscription, line 5, which should read *Śreyanga Gāmunḍana*

*maganga*, 'to the son of Śreyanga Gāmunḍa.' The word *gāmunḍa*, 'a village chief or headman,' has passed through *gaunḍa* into the modern *gaṇḍa*.

particulars of which are confirmed by this one, he was called Koṅgaṇi Vṛiddha. The present grant was made in the third year of his reign, which, according to the calculations in connection with that one, gives us the year A.D. 481, and consisted of a gift to the Soma-yāji Vāsa Śarmmana, a resident of Mahāsenapura. The particulars of the gift are totally illegible, and the conclusion is missing. There is no clue, therefore, to the situation of Mahāsenapura.

The description of the various kings corresponds with that given in the chief grants already published. But with regard to Mādhava II., Koṅgaṇi II., and Avinīta, or Koṅgaṇi III. (as it now seems we should call him), fresh information is supplied, confirmatory of what was obtained from the grant of A.D. 513 already referred to. Such are the Brāhmaṇical revival under Mādhava II., the coronation of Koṅgaṇi II. while an infant on his mother's lap, and the romantic attachment which gave Avinīta his wife. Regarding this king it is further added that "though not matured in age, yet he was ripe in virtue," than which no expression could more fully confirm the accuracy of the calculations as to his age made in connection with the grant above mentioned.

Our advancing knowledge regarding the reigns of the Gaṅga kings of Maisur, as I will now call them, may be summed up as follows:—

Koṅgaṇi I. ....	A.D. 188-239
Mādhava I. ....	239-
Hari Varma .....	-247-288-
Vishṇu Gopa .....	-350-
? Rāja Malla .....	
Mādhava II. ....	425
Koṅgaṇi II. ....	425-478
Avinīta, Koṅgaṇi III. ..	478-513-
Mushkara .....	
Śrī Vikrama .....	-539
Bhū Vikrama .....	539-
Vilanda, Śrī Vallabhākhyā	
-Nava Kāma, Śivamāra,	
Koṅgaṇi IV. ....	-668-
? Bhima Kopa .....	
? Rāja Kesari .....	
Prithivi Koṅgaṇi .....	727-777-

\* Among the epithets applied to him is also *gangaṇa*, 'a Gaṅgā of truth,' which bears an evident reference to the title of *Satyā Vākya* given to one or two of these kings.

Rāja Malla Deva .....	
Gaṇḍa Deva .....	
Rāja Malla, Satya Vākya	
Koṅgaṇi .....	857-869
Permanāḍi, do. ....	869-
Malla Deva II. ....	-878-894-


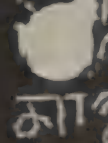
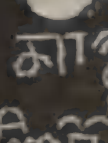
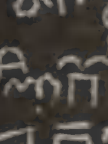



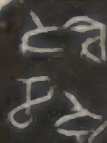




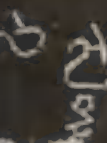
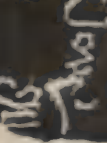







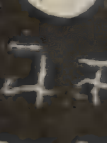
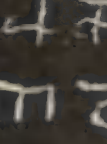



About this time the dynasty was overthrown in Maisur by the Choḷas, and not long after the Hoysaḷa Ballājas of Dornasamudra rose to power in this country. Of the inscriptions at the foot of the statue of Gomateśvara at Śrāvana Belgola, one which precedes a Ballāja grant informs us that a Gaṅga Rāja built the *sut-talayaṃ* or enclosure. An inscription at Nir-gunda, dated A.D. 1065, exhibits a Gaṅgarasa still retaining the sounding titles of Koṅgaṇi Varma Dharmma Mahārājādhirāja, but as a petty officer of the Hoysaḷa Ballājas, ruling the Arabala Seventy. About the same time the Hoysaḷa king Ereyanga assumes the name of Vira Gaṅga; and Udayāditya, at first a general and then governor of Banavase under the Chalukya king Bhuvanaika Malla, 1069-1076, calls himself a Gaṅga, "lord of Koḷālapura (Kolār) and Nandagiri (Nandidurga), and possessor of the elephant crest."\*



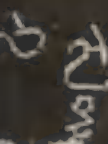
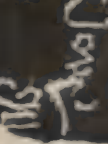







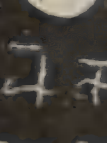
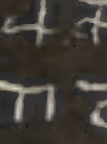



It thus appears that when the final catastrophe occurred the family dispersed to the northwards. Some members of the same line, I think it is evident, founded the Gaṅgāvaṃśa dynasty of Orissa, acknowledged to have come from Karpātaka, and also called Gajapati or the elephant lords, which, commencing at the end of the 11th century, ruled that country till subdued by the Muhammadans in 1534. Wilson shows (*Mackon. Coll.* vol. I. p. cxxviii.) that the founder was Ananta Varma, "also called Koḷāhala, sovereign of Gaṅgarārhī." This I am convinced should be "lord of Koḷāhala (the same as Koḷālapura) and sovereign of Gaṅgavāḍi."


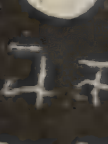
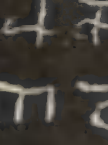



The province of Gaṅgavāḍi, or the Gaṅgavāḍi Ninety-six Thousand, occurs so frequently in the Maisur inscriptions as to be as familiar to us as the name Maisur itself. I have also determined its limits as embracing almost the whole of the southern half of Maisur westwards. It formed a principal province under

\* It is true that Wilson seeks to bring them "from the low country on the right bank of the Gaṅga, or Tamluk and Midnapur," but this is untenable in the face of the evidence we now have. Cf. Dr. Hunter's Orissa.



I.                          

IIa.                

III.      

III.

नृपतिर्देवपुत्रः शिवकिं किं नृपतिर्देवपुत्रः  
 ८ श्रीगणेशाय नमः प्रह्लादपुत्रः श्रीमन्नारायणाय नमः  
 ००० श्रीगणेशाय नमः प्रह्लादपुत्रः श्रीमन्नारायणाय नमः  
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
the Gaṅga kings, and may be the same as the Gaṅgākṇḍa mentioned in the *Vikramāṅka Deva Charita*: the curious Begur stone in the Bangalor Museum, which may belong to the interval between the overthrow of the Gaṅgas and the rise of the Hoysalas, presents us with a king\* ruling Gaṅgavāḍi as an independent sovereign (*eka chhatra chhāyeyō*): an inscription at Kandeia describes the Hoysalas as originally kings of Gaṅgavāḍi; and the Gaṅgavāḍi Ninety-six Thou-

sand is afterwards enumerated among the provinces of their empire. The large body of Gaṅgaḍikāra rayats are, it is conjectured, the old subjects of this territory.

The Gaṅgas eventually turn up again in their old dominions in the sixteenth century, in the persons of the Gaṅga Rājas of Śivasamudram, the island at the Falls of the Kāvēri, about twelve miles north-east of Talkād, and the line was here extinguished in the third generation.

## HARIMARA PLATES.

## Transcript.

- I. 'Śraṣṭi • Jitam bhagavatā gata gaganābhenā Padmanābhenā śri-  
maj Jāhnaviya kulāmala bhyomāvabhāṣana bhāṣkara śva kha-  
ḍa  gaika prahāra khaḍita mahā śilā śtambha labdha ba-  
 la parākrama [kanni kshura • śya] laṣṭakattodbhāṣita śri-  
mān Ko[n]guli Varama Dhīrama mahārājādhirāja taśya putra Vi-  
śṇu Gopa mahārājādhirāja taśya putra Kolālapūra varādhīva-  
ra Gaṅga kula mārattaṇḍa madha gajendra lā[n]chhana Padmavati
- IIa. Deviya labdha vara prasādha tadanāgāṭṭāda parama Talavanapura  
madye Śaga [• nayana gi • neyā] Śādhāraṇa śaunmachchōharāda Palga-  
ḥa  mā amavāśe Adivāradandu Kārenāḍa Dhevanurana-  
 la  gge Yarakuladha Madhi gavudana śu-putta Rāma Dhevanu  
He • ran iridhu Raja Mallana hendati bhaṇṭar avanu ba-  
l valātind oppiśidh allige mechchōhu goṭṭa bhūmi pū-  
IIb. rubbaśyāndiśi kriṣṇa mrittikāhākorbba<sup>o</sup> chiñchā vri-  
ksha taṭṭakadabākorbba kāvalastāna Devanura dviśa-  
ndiya vaṭa vriksha dakshināśyāndiśihākorbba kuṇa taṭṭaka  
 la  chiñchā vriksha prālgola Kaḷkontina Devanura dviśandhi-  
ya kapit vriksha pachchimaśyāndiśahākorbba chiñchā vriksha Bade-  
pavāla Devanūra dviśandiya chiñchā vriksha uttaraśyā-  
ndiśihākorbba chiñchā vriksha kriṣṇa muttike Alapi-  
vañchiya Devanura dviśandiya iśānām ānduduttā.
- III.  Śākshinām Eḍenāḍe Eppattga śākshi.

## Translation.

May it be well! Success through the adorable Padmanābha, resembling (in colour) the cloudless sky.

A sun illuminating the clear firmament of the Jāhnavi kula, of mighty valour acquired by the great pillar of stone divided with a single

stroke of his sword, . . . . . resplendent as a jewel on the forehead, was Śrīmān Konguli Varmma Dharmma mahārājādhirāja.

His son was Viśṇu Gopa mahārājādhirāja.

His son, the lord of Kolālapūra, a sun to

The sign • indicates a letter not deciphered. Words in brackets doubtful.

\* The characters read rbb are precisely the same as bbe, but the word must be 'orbba,' one.

\* Named Egeyappa, and described as 'brilliant as lightning descending among the stars in the clear firmament of the world-renowned Gaṅga kula', by which it is perhaps to be understood that he was an usurper.

† s is used throughout for ś, except in one word, stone.

the Gaṅga kula, having the sign (or crest) of a lusty elephant, having received a boon from the goddess Padmāvatī,—in the middle of the excellent Talavanapura which he was then ruling, [in the Saga year, 'eyes' . . . . .] the year Sādhārana, the month Phalguṇa, full-moon day, being Sunday,—within Devanūra in Karenād,—Rāma Deva, the good son of Madi Gavuḍa of the Yarakula (caste), having slain\* He . . . and with great devotion conducted Rāja Malla's wife and guards thither, (he) being pleased thereat bestowed the following land :—

The eastern boundary runs along a field of black soil, a tamarind tree and a pond, to the

banyan tree at the common boundary of the guard-house and Devanūra; the southern boundary runs by the tamarind tree of the shining pond and the old watercourse to the wood-apple tree at the common boundary of Kalkonte and Devanūra; the western boundary runs by a tamarind tree to the tamarind tree at the common boundary of Badenavāla and Devanūra; the northern boundary runs by a tamarind tree and field of black soil to the common boundary of Alagivanchi and Devanūra, and thus ends on the north-east.

Witnesses :—He of the Edenād Seventy, witness.

#### BANGALOR MUSEUM PLATES.

##### Transcript.

- I. Jitam bhagavatā gata ghana gaganābhena Padmanābhena. Śrīmaṇ Jā-Svasti. hnavoṇa kulānula vyomāvabhāsana bhāskarasya svaja java ja-ya janita janapadasya dāraṇāri gana ranālabdha (v)raṇa vi-bhūṣhaṇa bhūṣitasya Kānvāyanam gotrasya śrīmat Koṅgaṇi Varmma Dharmma mahādhirājasya. Putrasya pituravāgata guṇa
- IIa. yuktasya vidyā vinayā. . . . . sya samya prajā pāla matrādhi-ga-ta rājya prayojanasya vidvat kavi kaṣchana nikashopala bhūtasya viśeṣatopy anaviśeṣasya nīti śāstrasya vaktri prayoktri koṣa-lasya suvibhakta bhakta bhṛitya janasya dattaka sūtra vṛitti prapāi-na śrīmat Mādhaṇa mahādhirājya. Putrasya pitrupaitāmaha guṇa yuktasya aneka chaturddanta yuddhāvṛpta chatur udadhi salilā-
- IIb. svādita yāsasah sama dviruda taragādhirohaṇātīśayotpanna tejaso chatur abhiyoga sampādita sampad viśeṣasya śrīmad-Hari Varmma mahādhirāja-sya. Putrasya guru go brāhmaṇa pūjakasya Nārāyaṇa charanānūdhya-ta-sya śrīmad Viśeṣa Gopa mahādhirājasya. Triyambaka charanā(m) bhoraha raja pavitrīkṛittamāṅgasya vyāyāmedvṛitta pīna kāthina bhūja dvayasya sva bhū-ja bala parākrama kṛaya kṛita rājya chira prasashta deva bhoga brahmādeyāneka sa-hasra visarggāgtayāṇa. . . . . kāriṇa parabhaya harīṇa vitata kārṇuka
- IIIc. ghātikiṇa māṇih vidyottamana bhūja yugasya kumudi dalabhikara śīśira kara kirāṇa samudaya bhavad utara yāsa pratāna vibhāsyamāna jātaḥ śrīmat Mādhaṇa mahādhirāja-sya. Avikalāśvamedhāvabhṛidābbhishiktaḥ śrīmat Kadamba kula nabhaṣṭala gabhaṣṭi māli-na śrī Krishṇa Varmma mahādhirājasya priya bhāgīneyasya janani devatānka pariya(n)-ka ta-
- la samadhigata rājyābbhishekasya parasparānavamarddopabbujamāna trī vargga sārasya vidyā vinayāti śampanna peripūtāntarātmanah aneka vara vijayopājjita vipula yāsa kshīroḍaīkāṛṇnavīkṛita joga trayasya samadana śara patana vidhura vanitā nayana ma-dhukara kulākula kṛupāravinda jalāsāyasya kavi janāgragāṇasya ati paṭuṣhu
- IIId. patutasya śrīmat Koṅgaṇi mahādhirājasya. Putreṇa tad guṇānūgāmīna pitṛpara-suyārthe samājjitayāpīlasya sagrahanālingita vipula vaksha stalena vijṛimbhamāṇa śakti trayopanamita samanta sāmanta maṇḍalena nīranta-ra prema bahamānānurakta prakṛiti maṇḍalena nīśita nīstrimśa kara karārdḍita bhājonmūlitāri maṇḍalena prati dinābhivarddhyamāna puruṣa vara guṇa māpi sanātha satvṛittābharaṇāvabhāsyamānavapurushā a-

\* Literally, 'stabbed' or 'pierced.'



paripata vayo vilāsenāpityaparipata satva sampadā prīthitāneka  
 guṇa gaṇa nidhāna bhūtena yathārha dāḍatayānukṛita Vaivasvate-  
 IVa. na varuṇāśramābhilakṣhaṇa dakṣiṇā diśābhigoptum pariyāptavatā prātijāna-  
 tena suprajasā parama dhārmakena bhagavan Kamalodara charaṇanūdhyaṭena kim  
 bahunā khali yugena Yudhishtirana śrīmatā Kongaṇi mahārājena ātmana  
 pravarddhyaṃāna vipulaśvare tritiye savatsare Śrāvane māse tithā vāma . . .  
 syāyā āhitāgnaye Mahāsonapura vastavyāya Vāsa Śarmmaṇe mathu. . . .

IVb. (*totally illegible*).

V. (*wanting*).

*Translation.*

May it be well! Success through the adorable Padmanābha, resembling (*in colour*) the cloudless sky.

A sun illumining the clear firmament of the Jāhnavi kula, master of countries born from the rapidity of his own victories, adorned with the ornament of a wound obtained in war with hosts of terrible enemies, was Śrīmat Koṅgaṇi Varmma Dharmma mahādhirāja, of the Kānvāyanaṣa gotra.

His son, inheriting all the qualities of his father, possessing a character for learning and modesty, having obtained the honours of the kingdom only for the good government of his subjects, a touchstone for (*testing*) gold the learned and poets, skilled among those who thoroughly expound and practise the science of politics in all its branches, preserving due distinction between friends and servants, author of a treatise on the law of adoption, was Śrīmat Mādhava mahādhirāja.

His son, possessed of all the qualities inherited from his father and grandfather, having entered into war with many elephants (*so that*) his fame had tasted the waters of the four oceans, of a glory acquired from the equal skill with which he rode on elephants and horses, of enormous wealth acquired by the practice of the four modes of policy, was Śrīmad Hari Varmma mahādhirāja.

His son, devoted to the worship of *gurus*, cows and Brāhmaṇa, praising the feet of Nārāyaṇa, was Śrīmad Viṣṇu Gopa mahādhirāja.

His head purified by the pollen from the lotuses the feet of Tryambaka, his two arms grown stout and hard with athletic exercises, having purchased the kingdom with his personal strength and valour, the reviver of many thousands of long-ceased donations for the festivals of the gods and endowment of Brāhmaṇa, performer of the offering of firstfruits

(*āgrayana*), both his arms shining with the gems of hard knobs produced by the drawing of his bow for the destruction of (*or against the deer*) the fear of the enemy, his race illuminated by his great and widespread glory, was Śrīmat Mādhava mahādhirāja.

The beloved sister's son of Śrī Kṛishṇa Varmma mahādhirāja—who, being anointed with the final ablutions of a completed *śvamedha*, was the sun to the firmament of the auspicious Kadamba kula—having obtained his royal anointing (*or coronation*) on the couch of the lap of his divine mother, enjoying the essence of the three objects of worldly desire without one interfering with the other, of a mind purified by the acquisition of learning and modesty, his fame acquired by the conquest of many mighty kings surrounding the three worlds like the unbroken expanse of the milk ocean, a lake to the lotus of compassion for the bees the eyes of fair women disturbed by the shower of Kāma's arrows, reckoned the highest theme of poets, the ablest among the most able, was Śrīmat Koṅgaṇi mahādhirāja.

By his son, successor to the qualities of his father, his broad chest embraced by the arms of one who desired him though assigned by her father to the son of another, surrounded by bands of feudatories from all sides subjected by the growth of the three powers of increase, having parties of counsellors attached to him by constant affection and gifts, having with the sharp sword in his hand cut down the hosts of his enemies and with his arms plucked them up by the root, of a form glorious with virtue and set with the gems of the daily improving qualities of the best of men, though not matured in age yet possessed of ripe virtue, a mine of clusters of distinguished qualities, in punishing according to desert the superior of Vaivasvata, able in protecting the castes and religious orders which prevailed in the south, a

friend to all, of good descent, of the highest religious merit, praising the feet of the adorable Vishnu,—what more? the Yudhishtira of the Kali yuga, Śrīmat Kōṅgaṇi mahārāja,

in the third year of the great wealth increased by himself, the month Śrāvaṇa. . . . to the Somayājī Vāsa Śarmmaṇa, a resident of Mahāsenapura. . . .

### ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

BY M. J. WALHOUSE, LATE M.C.S.

(Continued from p. 129.)

#### No. XX.—Trojan and Indian Prehistoric Pottery, and the Svastika symbol.

While lately looking over the extraordinary collection of antiquities disinterred by Dr. Schliemann at Hissarlik, the supposed site of old Troy, now in the South Kensington Museum, I was struck by likenesses between some of the pottery and the earthenware found in Indian cairns. In some remarks on "Miniature and Prehistoric Pottery," chiefly from graves in Coorg, in vol. IV., pp. 12 and 13, of the *Indian Antiquary*, I have mentioned certain urns or jars standing upon three or, occasionally, four legs,—specimens are figured in the plate at the place referred to,—and observed that modern Hindu pottery is generally without feet. Indeed I knew of no other prehistoric pottery with any but the slightest indications of feet, and that very rarely. But in Dr. Schliemann's collection one is struck by the number of vessels, of all shapes and sizes, that are supported on legs. Three or four large urns, figured at pp. 152-3 of the doctor's book, *Troy and its Remains*, especially recall the legged Coorg vases, differing chiefly in the legs being longer and the bodies rounder and fuller, and moreover in being furnished with a loop-handle, a feature never seen in Indian cairn-pottery, and very rare in European. In the Trojan collection, however, legged vessels are most abundant and various in shape, and frequently have handles on one or both sides. Some of the most striking are figured at pp. 166, 229, 282, 285 of the doctor's book. Even miniature vessels no larger than coffee-cups are furnished with legs; but, as far as I could see, the number *never* exceeded three, whereas the Indian urns not unfrequently have four.<sup>1</sup>

Another resemblance was the large amount of miniature pottery: cups, jugs, and vases no larger than walnut-shells are exhibited in

numbers; and miniature urns and utensils have also been largely found in the Coorg graves. Examples are figured in the *Indian Antiquary* above referred to, and a passage is quoted from Mr. Fergusson's *Rude Stone Monuments*, in which he observes that such miniature pottery was probably made and placed in the tombs as symbols of traditions and primeval usages that had died out. I ventured rather to dissent from this hypothesis, which hardly seems strengthened by the quantity of miniature vessels discovered in ancient Troy. They are smaller even than the Indian dwarf-ware, and their use more problematical, unless indeed they were the toys of Astyanax and his playmates! *Châffis* of the true Indian form also appear in the Schliemann collection, and there is one medium-sized black *châffis* perfectly corresponding with those often found in Madras cairns. There are also two or three vessels with side-spouts like that numbered 7 in the plate in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. IV. previously mentioned. Earthenware platters or saucers, so abundant in Indian cairns, are also frequent, of the same shape and size, amongst the pottery from Hissarlik, as well as beads of oxen and other animals in terra-cotta; and similar objects of the same size have been found in scores in the cairns on the Nilgiri Hills; while the quaint pieces in the Museum, termed by Dr. Schliemann "Juno and Minerva idols", strongly recall some clay figures depicted by Captain Congreve and Mr. Brecks in their works on the antiquities of the Nilgiris.

Far surpassing the rest of the fictile assemblage in bulk and height, a very Ajax Telamon in earthenware, an immense jar is conspicuous in the Museum. Nearly six feet high and tapering from the shoulders, where it is 4½ feet across, to a point at bottom, it is marked as

<sup>1</sup> Vessels standing on round bottom-rims, as in modern basins, occur in the Trojan ware,—never, I think, in Indian, ancient or modern.






probably a "substitute for a cellar," and considered by Dr. Schliemann to have been used as a magazine. He gives an illustration (p. 290) of a row of these colossal jars, found side by side underground, as though used for storing wine, oil, and perhaps grain. Such indeed may have been their intention. Huge jars have served such purposes in the East long before the days of Ali Baba. This Trojan example, however, reminded me of the great burial-jars often found in the south of India, which it resembled in size, shape, and general appearance. These have been lately touched upon by Bishop Caldwell in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. VI. p. 279, and a further notice of them may be read in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, N. S. vol. VII. p. 31. I have often found them, buried with the mouths at no great depth underground, and a large flat stone laid above; they were of coarse red ware, five feet or more high, tapering to the end, and within filled with earth, and pieces of bone at the bottom. In Travancor they are said by the natives to contain the remains of virgins sacrificed by rajas, on the boundaries of their estates, to protect them and confirm their engagements. Near Changhai a large vault was found full of these jars, which recalls the row of jars underground depicted in Dr. Schliemann's book. Upon this subject, and with reference also to Bishop Caldwell's remark that from the smallness of the mouths of the urns it would seem the bodies must have been put in piece-meal, I beg to subjoin a curious communication which appeared in the *Athenæum* in February 1876, and shows that the idea of burying in earthenware vessels was not unknown in Rome:—

"I cannot yet state anything definitely about the beautiful ruins found in the 'Villa Aldobrandini,' for their name, their destination, is still a mystery to the topographers. I shall simply mention, as a matter of curiosity, the discovery of a common wine amphora of terracotta, which had been used as a receptacle for a human skeleton of mature age. As the orifice of the jar was simply three inches in diameter, the different parts of the body, and especially the largest bones, had been cut, and forced through the opening. This strange process had certainly some connexion with sorcery, or rather with the superstitions of the lower




classes in the fifth and sixth centuries; for I have gathered myself among the bones one of those thin rolled sheets of lead containing a formula of imprecation on a matter of love. The document, written in Greek, has not yet been deciphered, and probably will not be, owing to the corrosion of the lead, but there is scarcely any doubt of its design. This reminds me of the discovery related by Count Caylus—a discovery of the same nature, but on a gigantic scale. About the middle of the last century, he says, under the walls of the Pincio, facing the Villa Borghese, a subterranean corridor was found containing some thousand amphore still fixed in the earth. In each was the most strange collection of objects—human bones mixed with those of horses, oxen, and monkeys, teeth, lizards, coils of serpents, and small hands of wax. No satisfactory explanation has ever been given of this discovery, and I hope that the recent instances of the same kind will turn the attention of the archæologist towards the study of this very peculiar ancient custom."

Lastly, the extraordinary frequency with which the Svastika symbol ☸ appears on the Trojan prehistoric pottery gave occasion to Dr. Schliemann obtaining a remarkable and striking communication from the distinguished Orientalist E'mile Burnouf, author of *La Science des Religions*, &c., which he prints in the earlier part of his book. M. Burnouf holds that this mysterious and much-debated symbol is intended to denote the invention of the fire-drill, and preserve the sacred remembrance of the discovery of fire by rotating a peg in dry wood. It represents, according to him, the two pieces of wood laid cross-wise, one upon another, before the sacrificial altar, in order to produce the holy fire. The ends of the cross were fixed down by arms, and at the point where the two pieces are joined there was a small hole in which a wooden peg or lance (*pramantha*, whence the myth of Prometheus the fire-bearer) was rotated by a cord of cow-hair and hemp till the sacred spark was produced. The invention of the fire-drill would doubtless mark an epoch in human history. Mr. Tylor, in his *Early History of Mankind*, has largely shown its use at some period in every quarter of the globe, and it is conceivable that its invention would be commemorated by a holy symbol.

But in the *Athenæum* of 12th January last<sup>1</sup> Mr. Hodder Westropp altogether discredits the origin assigned to the symbol by M. Burnouf, and considers the Greek archaic cross, as he terms it, to have been evidently derived from the punch marks on early Greek coins, which marks were originally composed of four small squares,  the centre assuming the form of a cross; but in the stamping of the coin the squares went a little on one side, and made the punch mark take the shape of the archaic cross , so found on old Greek coins, and thence adopted as an ornamental device on early Greek pottery, as in Samos, Cyprus, and Hissarlik. Mr. Westropp goes on to remark that the Indian or Buddhist *svastika* is almost invariably drawn , the reverse of the Greek archaic cross, and is a monogram or character composed, as General Cunningham has pointed out, of two Pāli characters, signifying 'it is well.' As a Buddhist emblem it cannot be older than the 6th century B.C., Buddha having died about 480 B.C., and the earliest Buddhist monuments are placed by Mr. Fergusson at about 250 B.C.

There appears, however, reason to think that on the first appearance of the symbol in Europe it was used not merely as an ornament, but as an emblem peculiar to some deity, generally connected with the air, or sometimes water; Mr. Newton of the British Museum designated it the *Mæander*, and considered it emblematical of water. Its first appearance is on the pottery of archaic Greece, as on that in the British Museum ascribed to between the years 700 and 500 B.C., and now on that discovered by Dr. Schliemann on the site of Troy. On all this pottery and on its earliest examples the sign occurs profusely, and is found drawn both ways, occurring so on the same archaic Greek urn in the British Museum; hence the distinction made by Mr. Westropp between the Greek and Buddhist forms hardly seems tenable, especially as it is found drawn both ways in India, as well as all over Europe. As an emblem it appears to have been associated with the Sky-god Zeus, the chief deity of the archaic Greeks, and to have symbolized his thunderbolt, as subsequently in Scandinavia it was called the hammer of the Thunder-god Thor,—nor is this the only indication of a

common origin of the early Greeks and Norse. After the 6th century it disappears from Greek earthenware, and is found on early Latin, Etruscan, and Sicilian ornaments, coins, and pottery, as well as in Asia Minor and North Africa, especially where there had been Phœnician colonies. It is remarkable that the symbol is not found on Egyptian, Babylonian, or Assyrian remains: crosses are frequent, but not the *svastika*; neither does it occur on Mexican monuments.

In the museums of Sweden and Denmark there are several hundred gold *bracteates*, which appear to have been worn as amulets or medals, and, according to Professor Stephens of Copenhagen, belong almost without exception to the heathen period of Scandinavia, ranging from the 3rd or 4th to the 7th or 8th century of our era. They are mostly after Byzantine models, and many of them have a marked Indian character. They frequently bear the *svastika*, drawn both ways, and Professor Stephens remarks that in the earliest runes the letter G is drawn thus , and appears so on grave-slabs in Denmark of the 8th or 9th century. He also calls attention to the resemblance between the runes and the Himyaritic alphabet, used in Arabia during the first six centuries. A character, , nearly resembling the runic G, occurs in a Pāli inscription, and reversed, , in a rock-inscription at Salsette: see *Jour. R. As. Soc.* vol. XX. page 250, &c.

In the Roman Catacombs the *svastika* occurs not unfrequently, so placed as to have been then evidently adopted as a Christian symbol, and is seen in Roman mosaic work in England, France, Spain, and Algeria. It is abundant on pottery, ornaments, and weapons of Romano-British and Anglo-Saxon times, and of corresponding periods in Scotland, Germany, Switzerland, and Denmark. A sepulchral urn found at Shropham, Norfolk, and another preserved at Cambridge, bear the *svastika* in continuous lines; the latter urn is peculiarly interesting as exhibiting the symbol surrounded by almost every other device of cross, circle, and solar emblems, and occupying, as it were, the place of honour. As Christianity spread the *svastika* disappears, and when found again has been adopted as a Christian device. It is so used in heraldry, where it is termed the *croix cram-*

<sup>1</sup> Reprinted ante, p. 119.—Ed.



bonne. Planché, in his *Pursuivant of Arms*, says of it: "It is a mystic figure called in the Greek Church *gammadion*. It is very early seen in heraldry, and appeared in the paintings in the old palace of Westminster. Its signification is at present unknown." It was constantly introduced in ecclesiastical vestments, and, doubtless with a belief in its talismanic efficacy, is often found on ancient bells in parish churches,—so keeping up its connection with the air, our forefathers, firmly believing that demons—the 'powers of the air'—were driven away by the clang of church bells. In our own day it has become a favourite ornamental device,—we may be sure with no thought of symbolism,—and the archaeologist returning from India may observe it covering ceilings, cornices, fenders, and other iron-work.

In India the *svastika* is found on Buddhist coins referred by Mr. E. Thomas to about 330 B.C., and also appears in Prinsep's engravings of Hindu coins. It is a sacred Buddhist emblem in Tibet, is the *chinka* or device of Supārśva, the seventh Tirthankara of the Jains,<sup>2</sup> and is said to be used by the Vaishnavas also as a mark on their sacred jar. (Moor's *Hindu Pantheon*.) But probably its most remarkable existing use is in China and Japan, respecting which we will quote a passage from a very interesting article on Japanese Heraldry in Volume V. of the *Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan*, premising that heraldry has existed in Japan from a period far earlier than 900 A.D., and every *daimiō* family had its own cognizances. At page 12 we read that the *seas-*

*tika* "is the *Manji* badge of the Hachisuka family, Daimiōs of Ava, sometimes drawn  $\text{卐}$ , and sometimes, but less frequently,  $\text{卐}$ . It is taken from a Chinese character meaning 'ten thousand,' and is a Buddhist symbol supposed to be emblematic of good luck. It is frequently to be seen on Buddhist temples as a sign of Fudō Sama, or 'the motionless Buddha.' It is often marked upon the lids of coffins, being supposed to act as a charm to protect the corpse against the attack of a demon in the shape of a cat, called *Kin'asha*, which is said to seize and mangle the dead bodies of human beings." In China it is common, enters largely into ornament, and is often worn as a charm. It is curious indeed to find the same symbol used with a mystic meaning both in English and Japanese heraldry, and, for the same office of repelling demons, on Japanese coffins and English church-bells! But, whatever may have been the origin of this most archaic and wondrously wide-spread symbol, there seems little to support the theories of Messrs. Émile Burnouf and Westropp. Mr. E. Thomas (*Jour. R. As. Soc. N.S. Vol. I. p. 486*) thinks it may have been a mere ornamental variation of the simple cross, that might have suggested itself anywhere, without any definite meaning, but singular enough in outline to attract professors of magic and cabalistic rites. Still this hardly explains its adoption in countries so widely separated as Norway and Japan, and its strange defect in the far older intermediate lands of Egypt and Mesopotamia, the very nurseries of magic and mysticism.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEA.

### PĀRSI FUNERAL AND INITIATORY RITES.

SIR,—Allow me to correct a few errors in the valuable paper that appears in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. VI. pp. 311-315, on "Pārsi funeral and initiatory rites, and the Pārsi religion," by Prof. Monier Williams.

It appears that the learned professor was wrongly informed that the priestly race among the Pārsis is divided into three classes of Dasturs, Mobeds, and Herbad. Herbad, or Erwad (𐬥𐬀𐬎𐬌) as it is more commonly called, is no separate division of priests, but a mere generic

term for Dasturs and Mobeds. The title of Herbad is affixed to the name of one who has passed the Nāvar ceremony, to distinguish him from Ostā (𐬥𐬀𐬎𐬌 or non-Herbad. Thus, a Dastur as well as a Mobed is a Herbad, which is not, as Professor Williams says, the name of the lowest order of priests. Pārsis are divided into Herbad and Ostā, according as they have or have not performed the ceremony called Nāvar (𐬎𐬀𐬕𐬀). Again, Herbad are either Dasturs or Mobeds by virtue of their office, the former being superior to the latter.<sup>3</sup> But these divisions do not engender any

<sup>2</sup> Poor worshippers in Jaina temples may often be seen laying down a few grains of rice before the image, and arranging them into the form of the *svastika* while repeat-

ing a mantra.—Ed.

<sup>3</sup> Some Herbad are neither Dasturs nor Mobeds, for they do not choose to enter the holy order.

difference in civil or social rights, as is the case among the Hindus. Females are all Oetâ. They cannot be Herbad so long as they are not eligible to the holy order.

In another place the learned writer confounds the corpse-bearers with Nasasâlârs. The former are called Khândhiâs (𑬒𑬨𑬩𑬭𑬮), from *khândâ*, meaning 'a shoulder,' and their office is to carry the bier on their shoulders from the door of the deceased's house to that of the Tower of Silence. They are held inferior to Nasasâlârs, who cannot strictly be called corpse-bearers.

When a Pârsi dies the Nasasâlârs bring an empty bier from the *Nardakhdâs* (𑬒𑬨𑬩𑬭𑬮)—a house where they and Khândhiâs are required to be present to attend any instantaneous call for service—to the house of the deceased. An hour before starting for the Tower, they enter the room where the body is deposited on a smooth slab of stone. The Nasasâlârs take up the body from the slab and place it on the bier, which then rests on the slab. Then, after the Mobeds have chanted some prayers, the Nasasâlârs remove the bier to the entrance door of the house, where the Khândhiâs wait to receive it. This delivered, the Nasasâlârs, who are always two, except when the corpse is very heavy, walk with the bier, one on each side to the door of the Tower. Here the Nasasâlârs again receive the bier and carry it into the inner part of the Tower. The Khândhiâs are on no occasion permitted to enter the Tower. None but Nasasâlârs can do so. The Khândhiâs are "well cared for and well paid;" but to say that they "are not associated with by the rest of the community" is far from true. They associate freely with the rest of the Pârsis, can reside in the same house with them, can eat at the same table—in fact there is nothing to prevent them from so associating with the other members of the community.

Prof. Williams considers feeding the dog with bread a part of the ceremony called *Sag-dîd*. In this also he is mistaken. The ceremony of *Sag-dîd* is nothing more than showing the corpse to any dog, and not necessarily a white one or a 'four-eyed' one. The very etymology of the word fully explains the ceremony. It is derived from Persian *sag*, meaning 'a dog,' and *dîd*, from *didan*, 'to see.'

Again, "the fire sanctuary of the *sagri*," as the writer says, "has a window or aperture so arranged that when the sacred fire is fed with sandalwood fuel by the veiled priest, just before the corpse-bearers enter the Tower, a ray from the flame may be projected over the dead body at the moment of its exposure." This is not correct. With no such design is the *sagri* built. The pro-

fessor himself admits that "a ray from the sacred fire had barely opportunity to fall on the corpse at all."

The bread with which the so-called funeral dog is fed is supposed by Prof. Williams to be a substitute for the flesh of the dead body. Here, too, he is mistaken. Nowhere even in the whole of the *Zand Avesta* is bread ever supposed to be a substitute for the flesh. To feed a dog at the Tower of Silence is a practice sanctioned by convention, rather than by religion. Of all animals the dog is most dear to the Pârsis, on account of its undeviating faithfulness, and consequently they keep up the practice of feeding a dog as almost a sacred obligation.

In another place the learned professor has said that the soul of the deceased man is supposed to hover about in a restless state for the three days immediately succeeding death, in the neighbourhood of the *datâmas*. This is not quite correct. Only the soul of a sinful man is supposed to do so.

Again, it is not necessary that the initiatory ceremonies on admitting a young boy into the Pârsi religion should take place in a fire-temple. For this purpose, a private dwelling is as good as a fire-temple. Nor is it necessary that the ceremony should be performed by a *Destur* presiding over several Mobeds. In many cases, when the parents are not well off, only one or two Mobeds perform the ceremony.

About the bull whose urine is drunk at the initiatory ceremony I have to add that the bull is called *Varastô* (𑬒𑬨𑬩𑬭𑬮), and must be of a white colour: if a single hair on its body be found other than white, the animal is rejected as unfit for the purpose. I will conclude with the remark that I cannot discover what Prof. Williams means by "the second shirt."

SORÂNI KÂVÂMI KHÂNDÛRÎ.

#### ŚAKA AND SÂMVAT DATES.

SIX.—Some authorities give 79 A. D., and some give 78 A. D., as the date of commencement of the Śaka era; and similarly the Sâmvat era of Vikramâditya is by some dated from 57 A. C., and by some from 56 A. C. Which is the correct date in each case, and why?

2. What is the correct method for converting Sâmvat and Śaka dates into years A. D.? Ordinarily the conversion is made by simply adding 57 (56), or subtracting 79 (78), to or from the date A. D., as the case may be; but, since the Sâmvat, Śaka, and Christian years do not begin on the same day, I do not understand how the ordinary simple method can be correct.



3. What rules fix the day on which the *Saivāt* and *Śaka* years respectively should begin?

4. Does a year *Śaka* comprise the same number of days as a year *Saivāt*? and what is the exact length of a *Saivāt* year?

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Hamirpur, N.W.P., 22nd April 1878.

The Hindu *Śaka* year is properly sidereal, commencing with the sun's entry into the sign *Mēsha* or Aries, and, as its length is 365 days 6 hours 12·6 minutes, its commencement moves very slowly forward on the European solar year. Thus the epoch of the *Śaka* era was 14th March 78 A.D., but the sun's entrance into *Mēsha* now falls on the 11th or 12th April, so that the *Śaka* year 1800 began on Thursday, 11th April 1878,—the sidereal year having gained 28 days on the solar one in 1800 years.

From this it will be seen that, for the approximate conversion of a date,—if it fall within the first three months of the Christian year,—we find the *Śaka* year by subtracting 79; if in the last nine months, by subtracting 78. The first nine months of the *Śaka* year correspond to the last nine in the Christian, and the last three in the former to the first three in the succeeding year of the latter reckoning, making the approximate equation to the *Śaka* era  $+ 78\frac{1}{2}$  to bring it to the Christian date.

The *Saivāt* year is reckoned exclusively by the *Chandra-māna* or luni-solar system, and over Northern India begins with the new-moon which immediately precedes the sun's entrance into *Mēsha*. But, as twelve lunar months (354 days 8 hours 48½ minutes) fall about 11 days short of the sidereal year, an intercalary or 'lound' month is supplied, on a particular principle, about thrice in eight years—making such years consist of 383 days 21 hours 32½ minutes. The epoch of this era was the new-moon of March 57 A.C., whence its equation is  $- 56\frac{1}{2}$ ; or we subtract 56 from the *Saivāt* date during the first nine or ten months of the year, but 57 during the last two, to obtain the year A.D.

In Gujarāt and south of the *Narmadā*, however, the year commences with the new-moon of *Kārttika* (Oct.-Nov.), whence we have an equation of  $- 56\frac{1}{2}$ ; or we subtract 57 from *Saivāt* dates falling in the months of *Kārttika*, *Mārgaśīrṣa*, and part of *Pauṣa* (to 31st Dec.), but 56 for dates falling within all other Hindu months, in order to obtain the Christian year, and *vice versa*. For fuller information on details Warren's *Kāla-Saṅkalita*, Jervis's *Weights and Measures of India*, &c., Priuſep's *Useful Tables*, and Cowasjee Patell's *Chronology* may be consulted.—En.

#### ASSYRIAN DRESS ILLUSTRATED BY THAT OF THE HINDUS.

In reading lately Rawlinson's *Five Great Monarchies of the Ancient World* I came across a passage describing the dress of the Assyrian foot archers (vol. I. p. 430), part of which is as follows:—

"Their only garment is a tunic of the scantiest dimensions, beginning at the waist, round which it is fastened by a broad belt or girdle descending little more than half-way down the thigh. In its make it sometimes closely resembles the tunic of the first period, but more often it has the peculiar pendent ornament which has been compared to the Scotch phillibeg (*Layard's Nineveh and its Remains*, vol. II. p. 336), and which will here be given that name."

On this passage I would observe, firstly, that 'tunic' is a misnomer as applied to the garment in question, as the word is more properly used of a garment covering the body, whereas the article of dress in the illustration is fastened round the waist and falls over the thighs. Secondly, I think that any resident of India, looking at the illustration given on the page from which the quotation is taken, would at once remark the similarity of the archer's solitary garment to the Indian *dhoti*. For those readers who have not been in this country, I may explain that the *dhoti* consists of a strip of cotton cloth wound round the waist, the outer extremity being gathered into a thick fold or pleat, of which one end is tucked into the cloth that has been passed round the waist, while the rest of the fold hangs down in front or at the side, looking exactly like the so-called 'ornament' which is supposed to resemble a Scotch phillibeg. The same pendent fold is to be seen in the illustrations on pp. 436 and 477 of the same volume.—E. W. W.

#### ARCHÆOLOGY IN JAPAN.

Japan has an active archaeological society, bearing the title of *Kobutsu Kai* (Society of Old Things). Its members, numbering 300, are scattered throughout the land, but meet once a month in Yeddo. They consist chiefly of wealthy Japanese gentlemen, learned men, and priests; the latter especially have been the means of bringing before public attention a vast number of ancient objects which have been hidden in the treasures of the temples, or preserved in private families. H. von Siebold, Attaché of the Austrian Embassy at Yeddo, and a member of the society, has lately published a brochure which will serve as a guide for the systematic archaeological study of the land. Von Siebold has lately made a most interesting discovery of a prehistoric mound at Omuri, near Yeddo, containing over 5,000 different articles in stone, bronze, &c. In a recent communication

to the Berlin *Anthropologische Gesellschaft*, he describes the origin of the terra-cotta images found in old Japanese burial-grounds. It appears that up to the year 2 A.C. it was the custom to surround the grave of a dead emperor or empress with a number of their attendants, buried alive up to their necks, their heads forming a ghastly ring about the burial spot. At the date referred to, the custom was abolished, and the living offerings were replaced by the clay figures which have hitherto attracted so much attention.—*Nature*.

#### 'CONTRACTED BURIALS.'

With regard to the remarks at page 46 of the current volume on the practice of contracted burials existing amongst the Abors of the Brahmaputra valley, where the dead are placed in very small graves in a sitting posture, it may be noted that Herodotus (IV. 190) reports that in his time "all the Libyan Nomads, except the Nasamonians, bury their dead sitting, as the Greeks do." This is curiously confirmed by the research-

es of Dr. Schliemann at Mycenæ, who found skeletons compressed into extremely narrow graves—not, he thinks, as some have surmised, by way of insult, though it is difficult to conceive the cause, as there was no apparent necessity for such a habit. However, in pre-historic interments both in Great Britain and Germany, bodies are not unfrequently found in large graves placed on one side, or huddled up in a corner, in sitting postures—certainly through no lack of space. Bodies, too, are frequently found in roomy barrows compressed into "the attitude of one who curls himself up to sleep," and it has also been proved that bodies were placed in the contracted position for burning, as well as for burial. If the Abors of the Brahmaputra have any reason, traditional or otherwise, for their custom of putting their dead 'trussed up,' face and knees together, in such small graves, it might throw some light on the origin of this very wide-spread, ancient, and unintelligible practice. Perhaps some archaeologist, who has an opportunity, might inquire.—W.

#### BOOK NOTICES.

THE HISTORY OF INDIA as told by its own historians: the posthumous papers of the late Sir H. M. Elliot, K.C.B., edited and continued by Prof. John Dowson, M.A., Staff College, Sandhurst. Vol. VIII. London: Trübner & Co., 1877.

The volume before us completes one of the most valuable contributions ever made to Oriental science. Eleven years, says Professor Dowson, have now passed since he took up the work of editing Sir Henry Elliot's reliques.

The labours of his predecessors in possession of those papers, though not without value, were unimportant as compared with what remained to do; for the MSS. left by Sir Henry were quite insufficient for the accomplishment of his great design. The labours of the editor, therefore, have been to a great degree original; and he is entitled to far greater credit than might be supposed from the title of the work.

This, as it now stands, contains at least a notice of every Muhammadan chronicle relating to India known to be worth the trouble of opening, with extracts of greater or less bulk from most; so that the student is not only presented with a tolerably complete History of India from the Muhammadan point of view and knowledge, but is also furnished with a valuable guide for individual research. It to be regretted, indeed, that in a work with such a title there should be no extract from any Hindu or Buddhist author writing in his own sacred or vulgar tongue,—e.g. the *Mahabharata* or the *Rajatarangini*,—and still more that the arrangement of the extracts is sometimes confus-

ing; though this latter fault is to a certain extent remedied by the excellent double Index which accompanies the present concluding volume. This contains also the Muhammadan authorities for the decline and fall of the Mughal Empire (some of the writers are Hindus, but they all affect the style of Islâm). The decay of literary power was, unfortunately, as marked at this period as that of political and military talent; and the best of the later native chronicles, the *Siyar-i mûla alkhirin*, is excluded from the volume, because it was impossible to devote much space to a work, however excellent, which is elsewhere attainable to the student. Probably the most interesting extracts given are those relating to the miseries suffered by the last puppet emperors before our entry into Delhi, those showing the native opinion of the invading English and French, and the accounts of the last battle of Panipat. None of these equal in value that of "Kasi Rai," in the *Asiatic Researches*, but several of them confirm it, and mention the writer in terms which show that he has not at all exaggerated his own opportunities of observation.<sup>1</sup>

Oriental students will be glad to hear that Prof. Dowson has been commissioned to supplement the valuable work now completed by two volumes on the southern Muhammadan states of Bijâpur, Ahmadnagar, &c., and we may express the hope that those possessed of rare MS. histories of any of the Bahmani dynasties will communicate with him respecting them.

<sup>1</sup> Prof. Dowson, under one of these accounts, devotes a note (p. 154) to Ibrahim Khân Gârdî, and quotes (it does not appear from where) a statement that that commander "in times of yore ran with a stick in his hand before the palanquin of M. de Bussy" at Pondicherry. Unless this means that he was a *chokddar*, or mace-bearer, an office of

considerable respectability, it is probably incorrect, as Ibrahim was a Sayyid. His family still hold a small *jâghîr* near Pondicherry, and are highly respected. Prof. Dowson rightly derives the word Gârdî from 'guard,' but does not seem to know that it is still in occasional use, and so derived by natives.



NOTES ON THE HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF CHAUL AND BASSEIN, by J. Gerson da Cunha, M.R.C.S., &c., &c. Bombay: Thacker, Vining, & Co.

"Save me from my friends," says a Spanish proverb, with which Dr. Da Cunha, as a member of a kindred race, is doubtless acquainted, and which must have recurred to him pretty often since the demand for his monographs upon the two most ancient ports of the North Konkan induced him (as he tells us in his preface) to unite them in a serious volume, apparently with some slight alterations, and the addition of 26 illustrations and a map. The result is that we have, in an unhandy and costly volume, a large amount of information upon the cities of Chaul and Bassein, "and the domains which there adjacent lie," which would have been far more convenient to the few inquirers interested in the matter in the form of two octavo pamphlets. The illustrations might well have been left out. The photographs, as Dr. Da Cunha seems to be aware, are execrable; the engravings mostly very little better; and the map, with its orthography of no system (and generally different from that used in the body of the work), and its scanty and incorrect topography, is, if possible, worse; and there is no index.

The public (of Bombay at least; has heard so much, and yet so little that was pleasant, of Dr. Da Cunha's method of using his authorities, that we would not willingly enter upon the subject if we were not forced to do so by the fact that we have ourselves been worse handled by him than almost anybody else. A writer on scientific subjects necessarily, and by his own act of publication, places his ideas or opinions (let the value of the same be more or less) at the disposal of other inquirers; and a compiler who does not quote authorities wrongs rather his readers than his informants, though his conduct is reprehensible enough. But when the *ipse dixit* *verba* of any writer are used by another, the former is entitled, by the courtesy of letters, to inverted commas and a marginal citation; nor is his right to be avoided by a mere mutilation or paraphrase of the passage. Of this rule, we regret to say, Dr. Gerson da

Cunha is either ignorant or negligent. To quote one instance out of many, an editorial note has been badly 'conveyed,' including a misprint, from *Ind. Ant.* vol. III. p. 182, to his p. 88,<sup>1</sup> and enriched with a pleonasm, but acknowledged in no way whatever.

There is some pleasure in turning from the demerits of an old contributor to his virtues, and there is no doubt that Dr. Da Cunha's work is a better guide to the Portuguese remains around Bombay than any other yet accessible. He troubles himself little with the Hindu period, of which we have, indeed, no very authentic records. The name of Bassein we know to have been from its earliest mention Wasai, which title it retains in modern Marāṭhi. Nor does it appear at an earlier period to have been so well known or prosperous as might be expected from its position.<sup>2</sup> Chaul, on the other hand, has been known for about two hundred years as a great port, and apparently always under its present name. Dr. Da Cunha speaks of "the ancient city of Chaul, now called Rewadapda"; but the fact is that Chaul is still a recognized name for the whole ancient city, which encloses two sides of Rowadapda, as the sea does the other two, and is now chiefly covered with palm gardens. The relation between the two would seem in their best days to have been that of London in general to the parts 'below bridge.'

Chaul, says our author (restricting the name to the parts without Portugueseified Rewadapda), was originally called Champawati. Be this as it may, the Greek name was certainly Simylla<sup>3</sup>; the modern Marāṭhi name (चिवाल) is (Jonesically transliterated) Chênwal: the local pronunciation may be best phonetized to the English ear as 'Tsemwūl'. It is impossible to conceive a modern Greek getting much nearer to the native orthoëpy than by using his ancestors' phrase; and the later writers who called it Chivēl, Chivāl, Chaul, &c., as exhaustively enumerated by Dr. Da Cunha, were evidently all aiming at the same pronunciation, and led Colonel Yule to an identification of which there can now be no doubt.<sup>4</sup> The second syllable, *wal* or *wūl*, in

<sup>1</sup> Our note runs as follows:—"\*\*\*\*\* A very large gun is said to have been given by the English Government to the Habshi of Zinjira from the Pussuti Bāij or S. E. Bhatia. The Pāij family of Karā still worship the remaining gun once a year," &c. Dr. da Cunha inserts 'as a present' after 'given'. Pussuti is a printer's devilry for Pussuti.

<sup>2</sup> Probably deeper water than rendered Thān and Kalyān more approachable. Dr. Da Cunha falls into the common error of attributing the gradual shoaling of their approaches to 'silt'. But the fact is that the constant encroachment of man on the Konkan creeks has a tendency to narrow the channel, create 'secours,' and prevent 'silt'. We have no scientific records as to the rise of the west coast by upheaval, though observations are now in progress; but that excellent observer Mr. Thomas, late Collector of Malabar (in his work on Indian angling), and most

coast officers, believe in it. From a letter of Mr. Farmer, B.C.S., dated from Poona, and quoted by Grant Duff, vol. II. p. 348, it may be concluded that about 1790 Chaul had 4 fathoms of water. Horsburgh in 1817 gives 3 only; and we think the present depth is 2½ on rock.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Ptolema. *Geog.* VII. l. 4, VIII. xvi. 3, and I. xvi. 3, 4. In the latter place, speaking of the mistakes of Marinus, Ptolemy says: "He places Simylla (ῥὰ Σιμύλλα), a seaport and commercial city of India, to the west, not only of Cape Komara, but even of the river Indus. Yet that city is mentioned only as south of the mouth of that river by those who have sailed to that country and spent much time there in those parts, and by those who have returned we have been informed that the natives call it Timūlia (Τίμουλια)."—Ed.

<sup>4</sup> See *Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. p. 232.

common in the nomenclature of Western India, as 'Virāwal,' 'Bhusāwal,' 'Lākiw'li,' &c., and apparently means 'a street of huts.' The first or characteristic syllable is more mysterious, but our author's conjecture that it designates "Chinna Deva Śilāhāra" is as unlikely a derivation as is possible to conceive, seeing Chhittadēva (as his name is now properly deciphered) lived long after the name had become well-known. 'Chaul' is modern 'Cheechee' language, and it is most unfortunate that this 'pigeon' term should have been selected for 'Hunterization' and official and scholastic use as 'Chaul.'

Dr. Da Cunha, however, as we have said, troubles himself comparatively little about the early Hindu period, and, indeed, is hardly the safest guide upon it. For instance, on the authority (apparently) of the Bhāṇḍūp plates, he says that the Śilāhāra family reigned 'at Śrīsthānaka,' which, as far as nomenclature can be trusted, must be the modern Thānē or Tanna, the capital of the island of Salsette. Now there is no evidence in the plates that they reigned at Śrīsthānaka at all, but merely over it; and the grantee is called 'sovereign of 1,400 villages'; whereas Salsette or Shaṭṣhaśṭi seems never to have contained more than 66 (as its name implies), so that it was but a small part of his dominions, and Thānē was but the head-quarters of the sub-division in which the grant was made; strictly analogous are the cases of the Portuguese and English, under both of whom grants have been made of land in Salsette by authorities not ruling in Thānā, in which the latter refer, like the old copper-plate grantors, to the local authorities of Thānā. The conjecture therefore taken up by Dr. Da Cunha, that Puri, which the Śilāhāra plates mention as their capital, was Thānā, 'the capital *par excellence*,' has no foundation; and, as most authorities are agreed in the opinion that Ghārapuri, 'Elephanta,' never can have been the site of a capital city, Rājapuri, which was, within our own days at least, the capital of a tālukā in the North Konkan, under the Marāṭhas and English, may be taken as the most likely place, the more so as there is some shadow of royalty hanging about the name.<sup>2</sup>

A still more obvious improbability attaches to the identification (p. 167) of Kalyān in the Konkan with the capital of "Rāja Bhuvan the Solankhi, in the year of Vikrama 752", derived from the *Batnamāli*. Surely Dr. Da Cunha knows that the name of the royal Solankhi race conjures up no memories of the western sea-board.\* Similarly the observations on cave-temples at

p. 255, and particularly the use of the name 'Vira Chola' for Ellūra, rest on obsolete surmises of Dr. Wilson's, and are of no value.

Leaving, however, this ground, we come to the Portuguese period, in respect to which, probably, Dr. Da Cunha's opportunities are only equalled by those of some of the Catholic clergy, one of whom, we believe, assisted him somewhat in his labours. It is a pity that none of the reverend Fathers of the Company of Jesus have as yet favoured us with any treatise upon subjects which must be amply treated of in their own archives. For there is no chronicle of Portuguese India which does not bear witness to the unceasing activity of the Paulistines (Indian Jesuits), and even now their position in the Presidency of Bombay is one which must give every opportunity for research.

An error may be noted at p. 181, where our author quotes (without acknowledgment) from this journal certain fortifications near Bhivāṇḍi as 'built by the Portuguese at Thānā.' They are ten miles from that place, and stand to it as Kara or Batoum, and not as the castles of the Dardanelles, do to Constantinople. It is quite evident the doctor has either not seen them, or not studied military engineering and topography. The forts built 'at Thānā' were doubtless those still visible from the railway bridge. The great fort there, now the jail, was begun after 1728, and was still incomplete in 1739.

The late English and French authorities are available to most students on the spot; and Dr. Da Cunha would seem not to have been particularly well qualified to deal with the latter, since he speaks, apparently on his own authority, of 'the *spiritueux* Du Perron,' a term not admitted by the Academy as applicable to any wit—except perhaps 'Monsieur Ponch.'

It is unnecessary, therefore, to follow him further, and most of his readers will, we think, agree with the conclusions that he could have done a good deal more if he had tried to do less; and that it is a great pity he did not, as we have certainly no other work on the subject equal to his; and he blocks the way so effectually that unless he should take advice, cut his book again into the original two portions, and substitute for his useless illustrations some sort of an index, and a few notes on the Hindu and Muhammadan periods approaching the present state of knowledge on the subject, we are not likely to get anything better for a good while.

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\* *Conf. Ind. Ant.* vol. V. pp. 276, 277.

\* *Conf. Batnamāli in Jour. As. Soc. B. R. As. Soc.* vol. VIII. p. 76, where Bhavad is distinctly said to have come from

Kanya kubja; and *Ind. Ant.* vol. III. p. 41, vol. IV. p. 146, vol. VI. p. 183.—Ed.



## SANSKRIT AND OLD CANARESE INSCRIPTIONS.

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(Continued from p. 163.)

## No. XLII.

AT p. 15 of the present volume, I gave a copper-plate grant of the Eastern Chalukya dynasty. I understood, at that time, that this dynasty had been noticed in print only by Dr. Burnell in his *South-Indian Palaeography*. But I now find that an earlier account of it by Sir Walter Elliot is to be found in his second paper on *Numismatic Gleanings at Madr. Jour. of Lit. and Sc., N. S., Vol. IV, p. 75.*

I find, also, that the first of two copper-plate grants published by Bâl Gaṅgâdhar Śâstrî at *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc., Vol. II, p. 1*, is a grant of the founder of this dynasty, Vishṇuvardhana I., or Kûbja-Vishṇuvardhana, or, as he is named on the seal of the grant, Śrî-Bittarasa, i.e. the king Śrî-Bitta or Bitti. It deduces his genealogy from his grandfather Rapaṅvikrama,—the Pulikêśî I. of the Aihole inscription at Vol. V., p. 67, and his father, Kirttivarmâ I. The donor is Vishṇuvardhana. But he is only styled *Yuvarâja*; and the grant is dated on the day of the full-moon of the month Kârttika in the eighth year of the reign of the *Mahârâja*, and without any reference to the Śaka era. The *Mahârâja* must be Kirttivarmâ I., or Maṅgallîvara, or Pulikêśî II. If it is Kirttivarmâ I., the inference would be that the formal division of the Chalukya kingdom into the Western and Eastern territories was carried out before the death of Kirttivarmâ, and that his youngest son, Vishṇuvardhana I., was his *Yuvarâja* for the Eastern division. This inference might be drawn without necessitating any conflict with the statement of the Aihole inscription that Maṅgallîvara became king on the death of Kirttivarmâ, and that the succession afterwards went back to Pulikêśî II., the son of Kirttivarmâ, because he was preferred by the people to the unnamed son whom Maṅgallîvara destined to succeed himself. But it is hardly compatible with the statement of the Yôwûr inscription that, in con-

formity with the custom of the Chalukyas, Maṅgallîvara assumed the government only because Pulikêśî II. was of too tender years to be recognized as king at the death of Kirttivarmâ I., and that he voluntarily restored the throne to Pulikêśî II., as soon as the latter became of mature age. Whatever may be the circumstances under which Maṅgallîvara succeeded,—whether as a usurper, or as regent,—the facts that he, by the Bâddmi inscription at Vol. VI, p. 363, succeeded in Śaka 488 or 489, and that Pulikêśî II. (by No. XXVII. of this Series at Vol. VI, p. 72) did not succeed till Śaka 531 or 532, and (by the Aihole inscription) was still reigning in Śaka 556,<sup>1</sup> show,—1, that Pulikêśî II. must certainly have been of very tender years at the death of Kirttivarmâ I., and,—2, that, consequently, Vishṇuvardhana I., being his younger brother, must have been a mere infant at that same time, and cannot have been installed as *Yuvarâja*. I would therefore hold,—1, that the formal separation of the Western and the Eastern branches took place at some time after the accession of Pulikêśî II., and also after the date of this grant; 2, that the *Mahârâja* of the grant now noticed is Pulikêśî II., though he is not mentioned in the genealogy; and 3, that, in accordance with this, the date of the grant is Śaka 539 (A.D. 617-8) or 540. The full titles of Vishṇuvardhana I. in this grant are *Śrî-prithivîvallabha*, or 'favourite of the world'; *Yuvarâja*; and *Vishamasiddhi*, or 'he who is successful under difficulties.' The last was adopted as one of the standard mottoes of the Eastern Chalukyas, and appears on the seals of some of the grants of subsequent kings of that dynasty.

Another copper-plate grant of Vishṇuvardhana I. is given as Plate xxiv. of Dr. Burnell's *South-Indian Palaeography*. The only other name mentioned in this grant is that of his elder brother Satyâśraya, i.e. Pulikêśî II. An explanation of the title *Vishamasiddhi* is given in l. 3, in the words *athala-jala-rana-girivishama-durggishu labdha-siddhityâd=Vishama-*

<sup>1</sup> I shall shortly explain my reasons for altering my reading of the date of the Aihole inscription from "when Śaka 506 had expired" to "when Śaka 556 had expired."

*siddhi*, i.e. '(he who is called) *Vishamasiddhi*, because he acquired success by land and by sea, in the woods and on the mountains, under difficulties, and against fortresses,' or, perhaps, 'because he acquired success against fortresses, difficult of access, (which were situated) on land and in the sea and in the woods and on the mountains.' In these plates *Vishnuvardhana* I. is styled *Mahārāja*; the grant must, therefore, be subsequent to the formal establishment of the Eastern branch of the dynasty. It was made on the occasion of an eclipse of the moon in the month *Śrāvaṇa*. And the date, though it is not referred to the Śaka era, is specified more fully in numerical symbols in the last line, in the words *saṁ 16 mā 4 di 15*, i.e. 'in the sixteenth year and the fourth month (of his reign), and on the fifteenth day (of the month).'

Also, translations of two more copper-plate grants of this dynasty have been given at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. II., p. 175.

The inscription now published is another Eastern Chalukya grant, from the original plates, which belong to Sir Walter Elliot, and are marked as having been obtained from J. R. Pringle, Esq. I have no information as to where they were found.

The plates are seven in number, about 7½" long by 2½" broad. The ring connecting them had been cut before they came into my hands; it is about ⅜" thick, and 3½" in diameter. The seal is rather oval than circular, and has,—at

the top, the moon; in the centre, the motto *Śrī-Vishamasiddhi*; and at the bottom, a lotus.

The plates are well preserved, except towards the ends of the lines, where they are rather corroded, though they are sufficiently legible.

The language is Sanskrit,—ungrammatical in the details of the grant. The characters are of the usual early Eastern Chalukya type. The *Anuvāra* is written usually above the line, but is sometimes irregularly placed; and in a few cases it is written on the bottom line,—e.g., in *Chinṭhūrbhīyasya*, l. 24, *Añjāliarmmaṇa*, ll. 28 and 29-30, *Veṇṇīśarmmaṇa*, l. 34, and *Maṇḍubhīyasya*, l. 59.

It is a grant of *Vishnuvardhana* II., the grandson of *Vishnuvardhana* I., with whom the genealogy commences. It is dated on Wednesday, the tenth day of the bright fortnight of the month *Chaitra*, under the *Maghā nakṣatra*,<sup>1</sup> in the second year of his reign. The date is not referred to the Śaka era, but it must be somewhere about Śaka 590 (A.D. 668-9).

This grant, and No. 5 of Major Dixon's copper-plates,—a grant of the Western Chalukya king *Vinayāditya-Satyāśraya*, which is dated "when Śaka 614 had expired," in the thirteenth year of his reign, on Saturday, at the time of the sun's commencing his progress to the north, under the *Rōhinī nakṣatra*,—are the earliest instances that I have as yet met with of the day of the week being named

#### Transcription.

##### First plate.

- [<sup>1</sup>] Svasti Śrīmatām sakala-bhuvana-saṁstūyamāna-Mānavya-sagōtrāpām Hārīti-putrāpām sa-  
 [<sup>2</sup>] pta-lōka-mātṛibhir-mātṛibhir-abhivarddhitanām<sup>2</sup> Kārttikēya-parirakṣaṇa-prāpta-rājya-vi-  
 bhavānām bhaga-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] van-Nārāyaṇa-prasāda-saṁ(sa)vā(mā)sāḍita-varāha-lāñcha(ñchha)n-śekṣaṇa-kabaṇa-vaśīkṛit-  
 āśēsha-mahī(hi)bhṛi-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] tām mahī(hi)-bhṛitām-iv-āchala-sthitinām aśvamēdh-āvabhṛita(tha)-śaṇ-āpanīta-Kali-  
 malānām Chalu-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] kyānām kulam-alamkāriśaṇa(ṣaṇḍh) anēka-samara-sāṁghatt-ōpalabha-vijaya-patāk-  
 āvabhāsit-āśēsha-di-  
 [<sup>6</sup>] g-maṇḍalasya Vishnuvarddhana-mahārājasya putrah sakal-āvatī(ni)pati-makuta-  
 ta[ta<sup>3</sup>]-ghaṭita-maṇi-mayūka(kha)-puñja(?)—

##### Second plate; first side.

- [<sup>1</sup>] māñjarita-charaṇa-sarōrubasyah(sya) samādhī-kṛi(kṛi)yā-samāsāḍita-sarva-siddhēh  
 Jayasinhha-Vallabha-ma-

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps two letters, containing the name of another nakṣatra also, have been broken away after the word *Maghā* in l. 66.

<sup>2</sup> Here, and in a few places below, the mark over the line seems to be, not the *Anuvāra*, but the final form of *m*.



- [\*] hārājasya(sya) priy-ānojas=Ēndra-sama-vikramasy=Ēndra-bhaṭṭārakasya priya-  
tanaya(yah) śakti-tray-ānmit-ā-  
[\*] nāka-rājanya-makha-kamala-sabb-ābhyarechita-charaṇa-yugaḷaḥ chatur-udadhi-vēlā-  
valhya-pa-  
[10] ryyanta-prāpta-kirttiḥ Manv-ādi-praṇita-dharma-śāstra-pracharita-sarvva-lōk-āśrayaḥ  
Chakrā(kra)dhara iva  
[11] chakravartita(tā)-lakṣaṇ-ālamk-ṛita-śarīra(rah) parama-māhēśvarō māti-pitṛi-pād-  
ānudbyātē Śrī-Vishṇuvaraddhana-  
[12] mahārāja(jah) sarvvān-ēvam-ājñāpayati [1\*] Veditam=astu sarvvēśham [1\*]  
Karmmarakṣtra-vishayē Pasiṇḍi-Paṇṇunidu(?[a])-  
valhya-pa-

Second plate; second side.

- [13] Mrānami(?)-Delkontha-Rāvinūya ity=ōtasya grā[ms\*]-madhyamasya Rēyūru-nāma-  
grāma(mah) Bhāradvāja-gō-  
[14] trāya Nāgaśarmmaṇaḥ putrāya Agniśarmmaṇaḥ(ṇah) putra(trā)ya Kuṇḍīśarmmaṇē  
dvādaśāśmāśah [11\*] Bā(bhā)radvāja[ra\*]-gō-  
[15] trāya Nāgaśarmmaṇaḥ(ṇah) putrāya Śaṅkarāśarmmaṇaḥ putrāya Maṇḍāśarmmaṇē  
[16] daśāśmāśah [11\*] Puna Bhāradvāja-gōtrāya Nāgaśarmmaṇaḥ putrāya(ya) Kumāraśarmmaṇē  
[17] aṣṭāśmāśah || Kuṇḍīya-gōtrāya Śaṅkarāśarmmaṇē dvayaśmāśah || Kuṇḍīya-gōtrāya Kumā-  
[18] raśarmmaṇē dvayaśmāśah [11\*] Tasy=ānaja Agniśarmmaṇē dvayaśmāśah || Ālabōyasya  
Kuṇḍīya-

Third plate; first side.

- [19] gōtrasya Kattīśarmmaṇaḥ putra Kandaśarmmaṇaḥ putra Kappaśarmmaṇaḥ chatāri  
aśmāśah [11\*] Puna  
[20] Kappaśarmmaṇaḥ ōka aśmāśah [11\*] Puna Rēvaśarmmaṇaḥ dvē aśmāśah [11\*] Puna  
Kandaśarmmaṇaḥ dvē  
[21] aśmāśah [11\*] Puna Kandaśarmmaṇaḥ arddhāśmāśah || Kōyilabōyasya Bhāradvāja-gōtra Bā-  
[22] diśarmmaṇaḥ mayyaddhāśmāśah || Ūtpitorubōyasya Kāṇva-gōtra Pālaśarmma-  
[23] ṇa ēkāśmāśah || Kavilabōyasya Gautama-gōtra Kuṇḍīśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah || Ala-  
[24] bānabōyasya Klāyā(sya)pa-gōtra Pā(bā?)diśarmmaṇaḥ ēkāśmāśah || Chintthūrbōyasya

Third plate; second side.

- [25] Bhāradvāja-gōtra Sarvvaśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah || Mudubāmbōyasya Kuṇḍīya-gōtra Sarvvaśa-  
[26] rmmaṇaḥ putra Jettīśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Puna Kuṇḍīśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*]  
Puna Śaṅkarāśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*]  
[27] śah [11\*] Puna Sarvvaśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Puna Luddaśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*]  
Kattīśarmmaṇaḥ putra  
[28] Añjaśarmmaṇaḥ putra Kattīśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Puna Sarvvaśarmmaṇaḥ  
tiṇṇi aśmāśah [11\*] Dēva-  
[29] śarmmaṇaḥ putra Samudraśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Puna Jettīśarmmaṇaḥ  
ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Anantaśarmmaṇaḥ putra A-  
[30] njaśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Pālaśarmmaṇaḥ putra Rēvaśarmmaṇaḥ tiṇṇi  
aśmāśah [11\*] Puḷaiūrbōyasya

Fourth plate; first side.

- [31] putra Vasuśarmmaṇaḥ ēkāśmāśah [11\*] Bepbidibōyasya putra Āruvaśarmmaṇaḥ  
ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Puna Vēda-  
[32] śarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11\*] Puzbidibōyasya Kuṇḍīya-gōtra Jakkīśarmmaṇaḥ  
ēkāśmāśah [11\*] Kēśavabōyasya Vē-  
[33] baśarmmaṇaḥ ekkāśmāśah [11] Bhāradvāja-gōtra Agniśarmmaṇaḥ putra  
Vināyaśarmmaṇaḥ putrāya Sarvvaśarmmaṇaḥ

\* gā was first written and then corrected into da.

\* The final form of v is used here, though it is in the middle of a word.

- [<sup>14</sup>] pē dvayamśah || Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Veiṇṇiśarmmaṇa putra Nandiśarmmaṇa putra  
Vāsudēvaśarmmaṇa  
[<sup>15</sup>] dvayamśah || Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Vināyaśarmmaṇa putra Nandiśarmmaṇa [putra\*]  
Nāgaśarmmaṇa dvayamśah [||\*]  
[<sup>16</sup>] Paumuddibōyasya Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Dēvaśarmmaṇa dvayamśah [||\*] Puna  
Bādiśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah ||

*Fourth plate; second side.*

- [<sup>17</sup>] Dūḍibōyasya Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Gabōtaśarmmaṇa ōkaṁśah | (||) Toṇḍadūrbōyasya  
Kauśika-gōtra Rē-  
[<sup>18</sup>] vaśarmmaṇa ōkaṁśah || Chēyūrbōyasya Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Rēvaśarmmaṇa  
mayyad-dhamśah || Miribō-  
[<sup>19</sup>] yasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Anantaśarmmaṇa dvayamśah || Mudugonthabōyasya Bhāradvā-  
[<sup>20</sup>] ja-gōtra Dugyaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah [||\*] Chanthrūrbōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra  
Pālaśarmmaṇa chatā-  
[<sup>21</sup>] ri amśah || Māraṭabōyasya Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Veṇṇiśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Muddamūrbōyasya  
[<sup>22</sup>] Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Rēvaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah [||\*] Puna Rēvaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah ||  
Boppibōyasya Kāśyā(śya)-

*Fifth plate; first side.*

- [<sup>23</sup>] ja-gōtra Kumāraśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah | (||) Ponnaūrbōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra  
Sarvaśarmmaṇa dvayamśah | (||)  
[<sup>24</sup>] Vēgiubōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Kuṇḍiśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah | (||) Kutnūrbōyasya  
Bhāradvāja-gōtra  
[<sup>25</sup>] Luddaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah | (||) Kondālibōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Kuṇḍiśarmmaṇa  
ekkaṁśah | (||) Mu-  
[<sup>26</sup>] ttinūrbōyasya Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Veṇṇiśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah | (||) Alabūnaabōyasya Kau-  
[<sup>27</sup>] ṇḍilya-gōtra Bhaṭṭiśarmmaṇa arddhamśah | (||) Kāśavabōyasya Bhāradvāja-gōtra  
Vināyaśarmmaṇa  
[<sup>28</sup>] ekkaṁśah [||\*] Puna Vināyaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah | (||) Rā(rām)puṇ(pu)rbōyasya  
Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Jeṭṭiśarmmaṇa ōkaṁśah [||\*]

*Fifth plate; second side.*

- [<sup>29</sup>] Pulkonthabōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Rēvaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah | (||) Pandiribōya[sya\*]  
Bhāradvāja-gōtra Pavvaśarmmaṇa e-  
[<sup>30</sup>] kkaṁśah | Kāśavabōyasya Vināyaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah [||\*] Puna Vināyaśarmmaṇa  
ekkaṁśah | (||) Māraṭabōyasya  
[<sup>31</sup>] Kauṇḍilya-gōtra Chāmuṇḍiśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah [||\*] Puna Śiva(va)śarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah ||  
[<sup>32</sup>] Rēkādibōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Dōgaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Puna  
[<sup>33</sup>] Rēkādibōyasya Rēvaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Munikolbōyasya Bhāradvāja-  
[<sup>34</sup>] gōtra Kandaśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Chēbūmāddōthibōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gō-

*Sixth plate; first side.*

- [<sup>35</sup>] tra Viraśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Eddoṇḍibōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Nāga-  
[<sup>36</sup>] śarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Luttaūrbōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-gōtra Nāga-  
[<sup>37</sup>] śarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Chichehakudibōyasya Kāśyā(śya)pa-  
[<sup>38</sup>] gōtra Nandiśarmmaṇa ekkaṁśah || Sama<sup>o</sup>tibōyasya Veṇṇiśarmma-  
[<sup>39</sup>] ṇa ekkaṁśah || Maṇḍabōyasya Bhāradvāja-gōtra Kattiśarmmaṇa dvayamśah

*Sixth plate; second side.*

- [<sup>40</sup>] Bala-vijay-ārōgya-nimittam=asmābhūh saṃprāpta(pāh) [||\*] Gamyā rāja-va-  
[<sup>41</sup>] lābhah(bhāh) sarva-parihārai(rāh) pariharantu parihārayantu [||\*]  
[<sup>42</sup>] Api cha tēśhāh(śhām) ślōkāh [||\*] Bhūmi-dānāt=paran=dānam na bhūtan-na  
[<sup>43</sup>] bhavishyati tasya=niva haraṇāt=pāpan=na bhūtan=na bhavishyati ||

\* *Uma* was first engraved, and the lower *m* was then partially erased.



## Seventh plate.

[**] Bahubhir=vrasandhā	dattā	bahubhiś=ch=ānupalitā	yasya	yasya
[**] yadā bhūmi(miḥ) tasya tasya	tathā(dā) phalam	Vardhamāna-rāja-dva(dvi)[ti]-		
[**] ya-samvatsarē	Chaitra-māsē	śukla-pakṣē	daśyamyām	Maghā <sup>3</sup> .....
[**] nakshatrē	Budha-vārēshu	sva-mukh-ājñā(jñā)ptā[d*]	Dīrgbohāyī <sup>2</sup> .....	
[**] vajrayilkanmarakuṇḍi	Brasyā	putra	Vinayākaśya	likhitam śāsanam=idam

## Translation.

Hail! The grandson of the Great King Viṣṇuvardhana who illumined all the territories of the regions with his banners of victory acquired in the contest of many battles, and who adorned the family of the Chalukyas, who are glorious; who are of the lineage of Mānavya, which is praised over the whole world; who are the descendants of Hāriti; who have been nourished by mothers who are the seven mothers of mankind; who have acquired the dignity of sovereignty through the protection of Kārttikēya; who have had all kings made subject to them on the instant at the sight of the sign of the Boar, which they acquired through the favour of the holy Nārāyaṇa; who are of immovable stability like the mountains; and who have had the guilt of the Kali age removed by ablutions performed after celebrating horse-sacrifices,—the dear son of Indra, the venerable one, who was equal in prowess to (the god) Indra and was the dear younger brother of the Great King Jayasimha Valabha, whose feet, which were as lotuses, were covered with clusters of flowers which were the rays of the jewels set in the tiaras of all kings (who bowed down before him), and who attained success in all things by practising profound meditation,—(viz.) the Great King Viṣṇuvardhana,—whose two feet have honour done to them by the court of the lotuses which are the faces of the numerous kings who are bowed down by his (possession of the) three constituents of regal power; whose fame extends up to the circuit of the shores of the four oceans; who practises being the refuge of all people in accordance with the sacred writings composed by Maṇu and others; who,

like the Wielder of the discus, has his body decorated with the marks of the status of a universal emperor; who is a zealous worshipper of Mahāśvara; and who meditates on the feet of his mother and his father,—thus issues his commands to all people:—

Be it known to all! The village of Rāyūra, in the midst of the villages of Pasiṇḍi and Paṃgunida and Mrānumi and Delkontha and Rāvinūya, in the district of Karmarāshṭra, has been apportioned<sup>2</sup> by Us, for the sake of strength and victory and freedom from sickness, (in the following manner). Twelve shares to Kuṇḍiśarmā of the Bhāradvāja gōtra, the son's son of Nāgaśarmā and the son of Agniśarmā. Ten shares to Maṇḍaśarmā of the Bhāradvāja gōtra, the son's son of Nāgaśarmā, and the son of Śaṃkaraśarmā. Again, eight shares to Kumāraśarmā of the Bhāradvāja gōtra, the son of Nāgaśarmā. Two shares to Śaṃkaraśarmā of the Kaṇḍīlya gōtra. Two shares to Kumāraśarmā of the Kaṇḍīlya gōtra. Two shares to his younger brother, Agniśarmā. Four shares to Kappaśarmā of (the house of) Ālabōya<sup>10</sup> and of the Kaṇḍīlya gōtra, the son of Kandaśarmā who was the son of Kattiśarmā. Again, one share to Kappaśarmā. Again, two shares to Rōvaśarmā. Again, two shares to Kandaśarmā. Again, half a share to Kandaśarmā. Three and a half<sup>11</sup> shares to Bādiśarmā of (the house of) Kāyilabōya and of the Bhāradvāja gōtra. One share to Pālaśarmā of (the house of) Utpitorubōya and the Kāṇva gōtra. One share to Kuṇḍiśarmā

<sup>1</sup> There may be two letters broken away here; see note 2.

<sup>2</sup> Two or three letters are broken away here.

<sup>3</sup> Samprāpta(ptaḥ), 1. 68, 162. 'effected, accomplished.'

<sup>10</sup> Bōya appears to be some surname or class-name. Since it occurs in ll. 32, 47, and 50 affixed to the proper names Kāśava, probably all the names to which it is affixed are proper names,—so - of them being taken from names of villages.

<sup>11</sup> Mūyya-arḍha; a hybrid word, mūyya being Canarese, and arḍha Sanskrit. Mūyya, 'three', is not given by Dr.

Caldwell in his Grammar of the Dravidian Languages; but it is one of the forms given by Mr. Kittel in his Notes concerning the Numerals of the ancient Dravidians (Ind. Ant., Vol. II, p. 24). Sandeman's Dictionary gives two words containing it,—mūyya-arḍh-ali, 'the carpenter-bro, which has six feet', (or li., 'three twice of feet'); and mūyya-tr-mōya, 'Shanmukha, the god of war, who has six faces' (or li., 'three twice of faces'). On the analogy of these two words, mūyya-arḍha may possibly mean 'three halves', i.e. 'one and a half'; but it seems to me to be used in the sense of mūru-sūri, 'three and a half.'

of *(the house of)* Kaviḷabōya and the Gantama gōtra. One share to Pādisarmā of *(the house of)* Alabunabōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Sarvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Chinthūrbōya and the Bhāradvāja gōtra. One share to Jeṭṭisarmā of *(the house of)* Mudubambōya and the Kaundilya gōtra, the son of Sarvaśarmā. Again, one share to Kuṇḍisarmā. Again, one share to Śaṅkaraśarmā. Again, one share to Sarvaśarmā. Again, one share to Luddaśarmā. One share to Kattisarmā, the son of Añjaśarmā who was the son of Kattisarmā. Again, three shares to Sarvaśarmā. One share to Samudraśarmā, the son of Dēvaśarmā. Again, one share to Jeṭṭisarmā. One share to Añjaśarmā, the son of Anantaśarmā. Three shares to Rēvaśarmā, the son of Pālaśarmā. One share to Vasuśarmā, the son of Puḷolūrbōya. One share to Āravaśarmā, the son of Benbidibōya. Again, one share to Vēdaśarmā. One share to Jakkiśarmā of *(the house of)* Penbidibōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. One share to Vēbaśarmā of *(the house of)* Kēśavabōya. Two shares to Sarvaśarmā of the Bhāradvāja gōtra, the son of Vināyaśarmā who was the son of Agniśarmā. Two shares to Vāsudēvaśarmā of the Kaundilya gōtra, the son of Nandiśarmā who was the son of Vināyaśarmā. Two shares to Dēvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Paumudibōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. Again, one share to Bādiśarmā. One share to Gabōtaśarmā of *(the house of)* Dūdiḷbōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. One share to Rēvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Tonḍadūrbōya and the Kaśika gōtra. Three and a half shares to Rēvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Chēyūrbōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. Two shares to Anantaśarmā of *(the house of)* Miṇibōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Duggaśarmā of *(the house of)* Mudugonthabōya and the Bhāradvāja gōtra. Four shares to Pālaśarmā of *(the house of)* Chanthrūrbōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Venṇisarmā of *(the house of)* Māratabōya and

the Kaundilya gōtra. One share to Rēvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Muddamūrbōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. Again, one share to Rēvaśarmā. One share to Kumāraśarmā of *(the house of)* Boppibōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. Two shares to Sarvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Ponnadūrbōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Kuṇḍisarmā of *(the house of)* Vēgimbōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Luddaśarmā of *(the house of)* Kutmurbōya and the Bhāradvāja gōtra. One share to Kuṇḍisarmā of *(the house of)* Kondālibōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Venṇisarmā of *(the house of)* Muttinthibōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. Half a share to Bhaṭṭisarmā of *(the house of)* Alabunabōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. One share to Vināyaśarmā of *(the house of)* Kēśavabōya and the Bhāradvāja gōtra. Again, one share to Vināyaśarmā. One share to Jeṭṭisarmā of *(the house of)* Rāmpurbōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. One share to Rēvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Pulkenhabōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Pavvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Pandiribōya and the Bhāradvāja gōtra. One share to Vināyaśarmā of *(the house of)* Kēśavabōya. Again, one share to Vināyaśarmā. One share to Chāmuṇḍisarmā of *(the house of)* Māratabōya and the Kaundilya gōtra. Again, one share to Śivaśarmā. One share to Dōṇaśarmā of *(the house of)* Rēkādibōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. Again, one share to Rēvaśarmā of *(the house of)* Rēkādibōya. One share to Kandaśarmā of *(the house of)* Munikolbōya and the Bhāradvāja gōtra. One share to Viraśarmā of *(the house of)* Chēbumdēthibōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Nāgaśarmā of *(the house of)* Eddonḍibōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Nāgaśarmā of *(the house of)* Luttaḷūrbōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Nandiśarmā of *(the house of)* Chichehakudibōya and the Kāśyapa gōtra. One share to Venṇisarmā of *(the house of)* Samatibōya. Two shares to Kattisarmā of *(the house of)* Mandubōya and the Bhāradvāja gōtra.

Let future favourites of kings treat *(this grant)*, and cause it to be treated, with all



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[ <sup>12</sup> ] viśhayā	Arutañkū <sup>13</sup> r-āśrayā	Pa  i(? ddi, or ddi)vāḍa-grāmam-ādhivasatāh
[ <sup>14</sup> ] sarvān-ścam=a(ā)jñāpayati	yathā	[1*] Asana-pura-va(vā)stha(sta)vyasya Ka(kā)śyā(śya)pa-gōtrasya vāḍa-vēdāṅg-ētihā-
[ <sup>15</sup> ] Nūvachūṭṭi-trivēdasya	Taittirīya-sa-brahmachāriṇah	
Second plate; second side.		
[ <sup>16</sup> ] sa-purāṇa-nyāy-ānēka-dharmma-śāstra <sup>14</sup> -vidah		agnishṭōm-ādi-paundarika-pa-
[ <sup>17</sup> ] ryyant-ānēka-kratu-yashṭubh	Dhruvaśarmmanah	pañtrāya vēda-vēdāṅga-vidah
[ <sup>18</sup> ] Dōchiśarmmanah	putrāya	adhita-vēda-dvayāya Dhruvaśarmmanāḥ
[ <sup>19</sup> ] asmin=grāmō	asmat-puṇy-ābhivṛddha(ddha)yā	a(ā)tmānō vijaya-pañcha-
[ <sup>20</sup> ] mō	saṁvatsarē	Phālguṇa-misē amāvāsya-yām sūryya-gra[ha*]ṇa-nimi-

## Translation.

Hail! The great-grandson of Śrī-Kīrtti-varmā who adorned the family of the Chakrākyas, who are glorious; who are of the lineage of Mānavya, which is praised over the whole world; who are the descendants of Hārītī; who have been nourished by mothers who are the seven mothers of mankind; who have attained an uninterrupted continuity of prosperity through the favour of Kārttikēya; who have had all kings made their own (*fiefdoms*) by the sign of the Bear, which they acquired through the favour of the holy Nārāyaṇa; who are of immovable stability like the mountains; and who have had the guilt of the Kali age removed by oblations performed after celebrating horse-sacrifices,—the grandson of the Great King Śrī-Vishṇuvardhana whose feet were made to appear of a reddish-yellow colour by the rays of the jewels which were set in the diadems of all the kings (*who bowed down before him*),—the beloved son of Indra, the venerable one, whose body was adorned with victory acquired in many battles, and who was the dear brother of the Great King Śrī-Jayasimha-Vallabha who acquired all the regions of the earth by means of the three constituents of

power, and who achieved all prosperity through his subjects being devoted to his virtuous qualities,—(*viz.*) the glorious Vishṇuvardhana, the Great King,—who has attained the five great sounds (*of musical instruments*), and who possesses all accomplishments, and who, like (*the god*) Viśhṇu, dwells with the goddess of fortune,—issues his commands to all who reside at the village of Pa||ivāḍa in the district of Gadrāhāra and in the vicinity<sup>20</sup> of (*the village of*) Arutañkār:—

At this village, in the fifth year of Our victorious reign, in the month Phālguṇa, on the day of the new-moon, on account of an eclipse of the sun, [*there has been given*] to Dhruvaśarmā, who has studied two Vēdas,—the son's son of Dhruvaśarmā, who inhabited (*the city of*) Asanapura, and who was of the Kāśyapa gōtra, and who was a fellow-student of Nūvachūṭṭi, the knower of three Vēdas, in the school of the Taittirīyas, and who knew the Vēdas and the Vēdāṅgas and the epics and the Purāṇas and the Nyāya and the numerous sacred writings, and who performed many sacrifices commencing with the *Agnishṭōme* and ending with the *Paundarika*,—the son of Dōchiśarmā, who knew the Vēdas and the Vēdāṅgas. . . . .

## ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

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(*Continued from p. 179.*)

## No. XXI.—The Old Tanjor Armoury.

Mahārāja Śivaji, the last king of Tanjor, died in October 1855.

An eye-witness has recorded the stately and solemn spectacle of his funeral, when, magnificently arrayed and loaded with the costliest

jewels, his body, placed in an ivory palanquin was borne by night through the torchlit streets of his royal city amid the wail of vast multitudes lamenting the last of their ruling race. The change of death, it was said, cast an

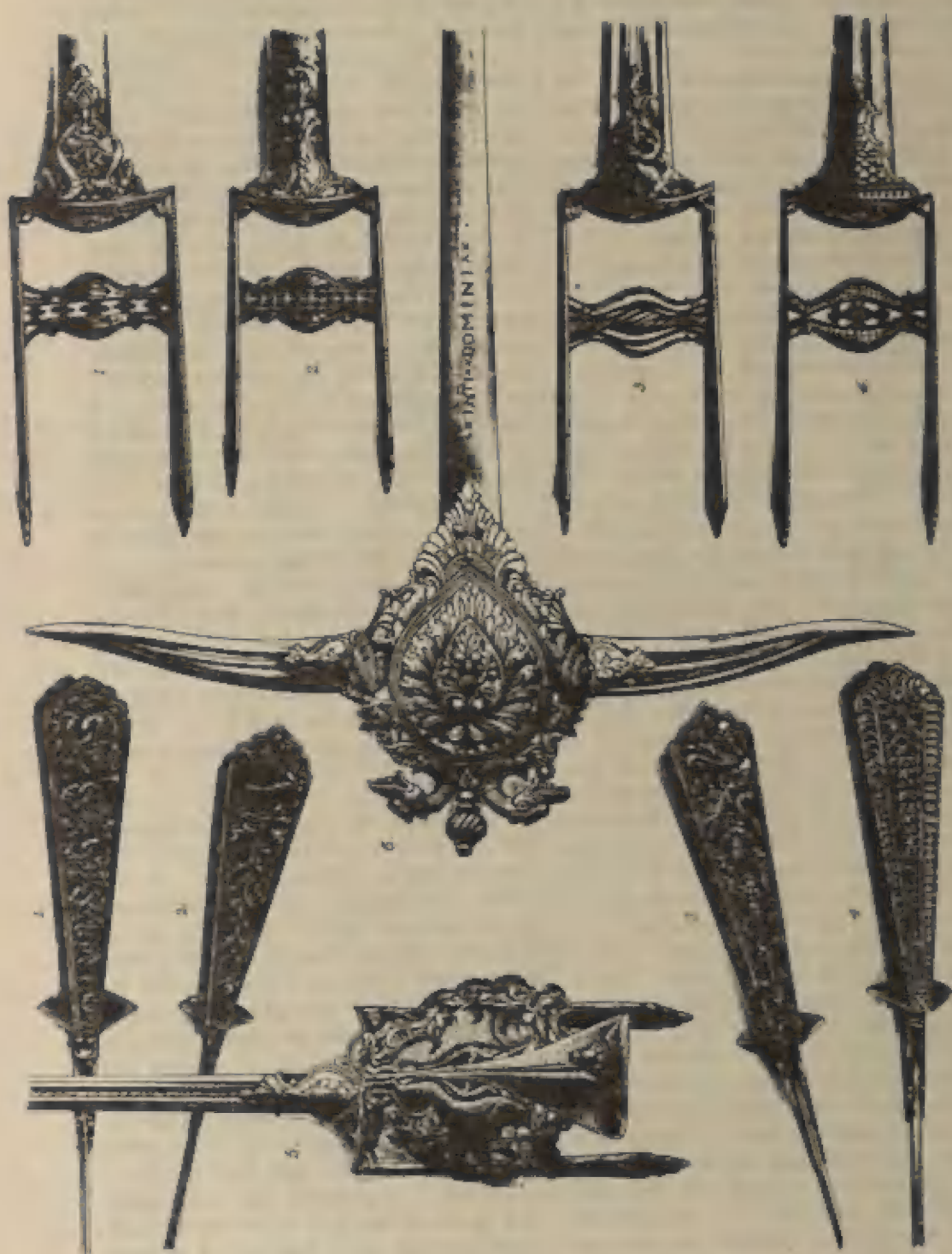
<sup>12</sup> The curve in the vowel-stroke attached to the k is intended to make it equivalent to a repetition of the stroke itself, and thus to give the long form of the vowel.

<sup>13</sup> Strā was first engraved and then altered into strā by partial erasure of the stroke denoting the ā. In all such

cases, where the correction is made by paring down the copper on each side of the wrong stroke or strokes, the facsimile will, and can only, show the mistake of the engraver, and not his method of correcting it.

<sup>20</sup> *Arupa*.





DAGGERS FROM THE TANJOR ARMOURY.





air of power and majesty over the old king's features, so that he almost seemed to acknowledge the salutations of the crowds as he passed in state for the last time through the embattled gateway of those wide-circling ramparts round which so many famous commanders and the armies of so many races have met in fight. There, on the bank of the sacred river, without the walls, a huge pile of sandalwood was laid, and with great weeping the royal robes were taken off one by one, and the body, wrapped in a simple muslin garment, placed upon the pile, and heaped over with the fragrant fuel. The nearest descendant, a boy of twelve, was carried thrice round the pile, and at the last circuit a pot of water was dashed to pieces on the ground, emblematic of the life of man. The boy then lit the pile, and the loud long-sustained lament of a nation filled the air as the flames rose.

With this king the *rāj* became extinct, but eventually all the personal and landed property, the palace, treasury, jewels, &c., were made over by Government to the chief Rāpi,—everything in the palace, except the contents of the old armoury, which, as useless to the family, the Government decided to remove and disperse. The need of preparation for war and all its pomp and circumstance had long since disappeared from Tanjor, and the 'armoury' consisted of great heaps of old weapons of all conceivable descriptions, lying piled upon the floor of the *Sangita Mahāl* = 'music-hall,' a large detached building within the precincts of the palace, entered by a low massive antique portico. The floor of the interior was sunken, much resembling a huge swimming-bath, and a covered gallery ran round the wall above, whence, it was said, the ladies of the court in old days used to look down upon games, wrestling-matches and the like. But the bottom had long been occupied by many tons of rusty arms and weapons, in confused heaps, coated and caked together with thick rust. Hundreds of swords, straight, curved, and ripple-edged, many beautifully damascened and inlaid with hunting or battle scenes in gold; many broad blades with long inscriptions in Marāṭhi or Kanarese characters, and some so finely tempered as to bend and quiver like whalebone. There were long gauntlet-hilts, brass or steel, in endless devices, hilts inlaid with gold, and hilts and guards of the most tasteful and elaborate

steel-work. There were long-bladed swords and executioners' swords, two-handed, thick-backed, and immensely heavy. Daggers, knives, and poniards by scores, of all imaginable and almost unimaginable shapes, double- and triple-bladed; some with pistols or spring-blades concealed in their handles, and the hilts of many of the *kuttars* of the most beautiful and elaborate pierced steel-work, in endless devices, rivalling the best mediæval European metal-work. There was a profusion of long narrow thin-bladed knives, mostly with bone or ivory handles very prettily carved, ending in parrot-heads and the like, or the whole handle forming a bird or monster, with legs and wings pressed close to the body, all exquisitely carved. The use of these seemed problematical: some said they were used to cut fruit, others that they had been poisoned and stuck about the roofs and walls of the women's quarters, to serve the purpose of spikes or broken glass!

Eventually the whole array was removed to Trichinapalli and deposited in the arsenal there, and after a committee of officers had sat upon the multifarious collection, and solemnly reported the ancient arms unfit for use in modern warfare, the Government, after selecting the best for the Museum, ordered the residue to be broken up and sold as old iron. This was in 1863. Being on the spot at the time, I was able to inspect and purchase a quantity of the weapons. A curious point about them was the extraordinary number of old European blades, often graven with letters and symbols of Christian meaning, attached to hilts and handles most distinctively Hindu, adorned with figures of gods and idolatrous emblems. There was an extraordinary number of long straight cut-and-thrust blades termed *Phirāñjīs*, which Mr. Sinclair, in his interesting list of Dakhaṇi weapons (*Ind. Ant.* vol. II. p. 216) says means 'the Portuguese,' and were "either imported from Europe by the Portuguese, or else made in imitation of such imported swords." Mr. Sinclair adds that both Grant Duff and Meadows Taylor have mentioned that the importation was considerable, and that Rāja Sivāji's favourite sword *Bhavadānī* was a Genoa blade. This sword is figured in the *History of the Marāṭhas*, and is said to be still preserved as a sacred relic in the Sātārā family. It is curious to note how ancient and wide-spread the custom of giving names

to favourite swords has been; there was the Prophet's sword Zulfakir, the Old's Durindana, King Arthur's "brand Excalibur," the Dwarf-sword Tirling of Scandinavian Sagas, and many another celebrated in the annals of chivalry. The Tanjor armoury strongly confirmed the statements of the great importation of European blades; it contained hundreds, whole or in pieces. Two *phirangis* in my possession have double-channelled blades, one set in a beautiful hilt of copper inlaid all over with ornamentation in gold, including four figures of griffins and ten of gods, the blade bearing on one side this inscription, repeated in each groove,

× CKNEO SOE NVS ×

and on the other side the letters

OEN BCF

also twice repeated. The blade of the other *phirangi*, set in a hilt covered with tasteful gold foliage-work, spread also over hold-fasts prolonged four inches up the blade, bears these symbols and letters in one line on each side

\* \* × NOVA E × \* \*

These, as well as scores of others, were evidently European blades, and the signification of the letters may probably be obvious to antiquaries conversant with old weapons. And besides these there were multitudes of *kuttars* with handles of very exquisite pierced steel-work, in which were set blades evidently formed of pieces of European swords bearing various inscriptions. I have seen no mediæval or modern steel-work surpassing these Hindu hilts in excellence of workmanship, artistic ingenuity, and tastefulness of design and ornament. The fancy shown is endless, and the execution minute and admirable. The sides of the handles, the cross-bars between for grasping, the tops of the handles, and the hold-fasts running from them up the blades, are all wrought in steel, generally pierced, and hardly any two designs the same. All the mass of weapons when taken from the armoury were thickly caked over with rust, and too many lamentably corroded and destroyed. It was only after great and persevering labour that the incrustations, perhaps of centuries, were more or less successfully removed, and the designs and inscriptions disclosed. One *kuttar* of fantastic design now by me has the grasp covered by a shield-shaped guard of pierced steel, bearing a griffin on each outer

rim, from whose backs small blades project on each side at right angles to the central blade, which bears this inscription on both sides:—

× × INTI × × DOMINI × ×

(See Fig. 6 in the first of the accompanying plates.) Another fantastic dagger has three long narrow blades parallel to one another, the middle one longest, and on it are the letters EDRO. A *kuttar* (Figs. 3, 3) with a handle throughout of beautiful workmanship, the open-work sides an arrangement of griffins, phoenixes, and clustered fishes, and the hold-fasts of the blade each four fancifully grouped parrots, bears on one side the blade, which is broad and three-channelled, the letters S. M. V. N., and on the other C. V. M., with a human face in a crescent further up. A second *kuttar* (Fig. 5)<sup>1</sup> has the handle of fine pierced steel-work covered with a guard representing a cobra with expanded hood between two rampant griffins; the long narrow blade exhibits a single deep groove, in which on one side are the letters IOHANIS \* VLL., and on the other four or five indistinct letters and then ALIV N. A third, with a handsome well-wrought steel hilt, after the thick layer of rust that coated it had been removed, disclosed, to my surprise, in two deep channels on each side the blade, the well-known name

ANDREA

FERARA (*sic*).

It seemed strange to meet the famous Italian swordsmith of three centuries ago in such an association, but Sir Walter Elliot has informed me that when a notorious freebooter was captured in the Southern Marāṭhā Country many years since, his sword was found to be an "Andrea Ferrara." So widely have these old European blades been spread over India; whether frequently found in Bengal and the North-West I do not know; but in the extensive collections of Eastern weapons in the India, South Kensington, and Bethnal Green Museums there are very few—less than a dozen—blades that appear unmistakably European, whereas in the Tanjor armoury they were numbered by scores; perhaps they had been collected there for a long period. One noticeable feature was the immense number and variety of arrows and arrow-heads: the former, as usual, of reeds, with bone or ivory nocks and spike-heads of all possible

<sup>1</sup> 1, 1, are the side and front of one handle; and 2, 2, and 3, 3, on the plate represent two others.





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OLD HINDU ARROWHEADS  
ACTUAL SIZE.





shapes, short and lengthened, rounded, three- or four-sided, channelled, or bulging in the centre; many were barbed, and many flat-tipped or ending in small globes,—perhaps for killing birds without breaking the skin; and there were some headed with hollow brass balls perforated with three or four holes, which were said to be filled with some inflammable composition and shot burning on to roofs and into houses. (See No. 13, on the accompanying plate of Old Hindu Arrow-Heads.) Under the head each arrow was elaborately gilt and painted for six inches down the stem, and also for the same length above the nock, and each bore above the feathers an inscription of two lines in Marāṭhi characters, in gold.

But besides the arrows there were extraordinary quantities of detached heads embedded in the mud of the floor, apparently of more antique types and still more fantastic forms, some not a little elegant: for example,—No. 4 on the same plate,—two paroquets joined beak to beak and breast to breast, their tails meeting in the point; No. 12, a flat blade with both edges rippled; No. 10, a double prong with barbed points; Nos. 3, 5, 6, 9, and 16,—several heads broad and tapering to a point, with curious open-work centres, sometimes all the centre open, the head indeed being merely a steel rim drawn to a point; these open-work heads were declared to be peculiarly dangerous, the flesh closing into them, and rendering extrication very painful. Some long spike-heads (Nos. 8, 14, and 15) were grooved on the sides or roughened under the point, for the purpose, it was said, of carrying glutinous poison. There were also crescent-heads (Nos. 1 and 7), a very antique form, used in the Roman circus-games; with such an arrow Anantaguna-Pandion, the king of Madurā, is said to have destroyed an Asura sent in the form of a striped serpent by the Samanals or Jains to devour the inhabitants of Madurā. Some small elegant heads inlaid in gold (No. 11), with an elephant and monograms, appeared intended for royal use. A considerable number of the large heavy arrow-heads used by native hunters was also found, some four or six inches long and more than an inch wide. Several were identical in form with arrow-heads brought by Commander Cameron from the interior of Africa; a barb with only one tang is common to both continents, and so is the crescent shape.

The demand for blades of European make

formerly existing in India seems rather strange when it is remembered how skillful Indian smiths were, and how famous Indian steel has been from remote antiquity. The workmanship of the native hilts can scarcely be surpassed, and it might be supposed that the smiths who made them could also have forged blades as good as those of European origin which they actually bear; moreover, the districts of Salem, Koimbatūr, and North Ārkaṭ, in which the best Indian steel has been manufactured from time immemorial, are almost contiguous to Tanjor, where so great a collection of European weapons had been assembled, and the name of Arunāchellam of Salem has been known all over India for the last fifty years: the *shikār-knives* and spear-heads made by him could not be excelled, hardly equalled, in temper and finish by any English smith, and the same might be said of him in all iron and steel work wrought by hand. It is in this region that the famous *ferum Indicum* was probably produced, a hundred talents of which was held a fitting present to Alexander the Great: for, though the now well-known fusing and smelting process is said to be practised all over India, it is in these southern districts that the ore is richest and most magnetic, and hence the much-prized grey-steel ingots, whose production was so long a puzzle to the scientific, were exported far and wide to Damascus and Europe. There are many casual allusions which show how highly Indian steel was estimated in antiquity; for example, Clemens Alexandrinus, discoursing of luxury, observes, "One can cut meat without Indian iron." And when, in venturing some remarks (*Ind. Ant.* vol. V. p. 239) upon the occurrence of Roman coins in the neighbourhood of aqua-marina mines in Koimbatūr, and observing that I knew of nothing they were likely to have been used in purchasing except the gems, I might have added the steel so abundant and excellent both there and in the bordering district, Salem. When at the end of the past century some pieces of Indian steel were sent to the Royal Society, none could conjecture the method of their preparation, and it remained long unknown; even now somewhat of the more delicate manipulation is a secret amongst the native smiths, but the general method is understood, and may be read, well described, in Ure's *Dictionary of Arts and Manufactures*, art. 'Steel.'

and elsewhere. Nothing can be more simple and primitive than the native process, which, albeit involving a recondite chemical application, is probably the same now as in the days of Alexander the Great. The ore used is the magnetic oxide of iron, which, though sometimes forming small hills, is generally dug out from various depths. Occasionally it forms regular octahedrons yielding 72 per cent. of iron. The furnace is formed of clay, four or five feet high, cone-shaped, with a hearth at the bottom, round, and about twenty inches in diameter, the mouth at the top half that breadth. A pipe is inserted at the bottom of the cone, the outer end of which is connected with a pair of bottle-shaped skin-bellows. A layer of charcoal is placed at the bottom of the furnace and lit, on that a layer of ore, and this is repeated till there are seven layers of charcoal and as many of ore. Two men then work the bellows for two hours, when all the ore fuses, and the metal runs together in a mass. It costs less than a rupee to construct a furnace, and about thirty rupees' worth of iron can be made in it in a year. But a further process is necessary to convert the iron into the famous steel, and that process hardly yet seems thoroughly understood; its success probably depends upon a manual instinctive dexterity handed down from generations. The iron cake is again fused, and some uncharred wood and green leaves of the *Asclepias gigantea* are enclosed with it in the crucible. The fusing takes twenty-four hours, and on breaking the crucible the steel is found in a sort of button, the surface radiated as though crystallized. It has increased in weight, is extremely hard, of compact texture, and brilliant white colour at the fracture, and requires to be annealed three or four times, and exposed to a red heat for twelve or sixteen hours.

This is the far-famed 'wootz,' or Indian steel, whence were forged those Damascus blades that would shear asunder fine muslin webs floating in the air, and sever sheets of paper drifted against them on running water. The success of

the forging is said to depend on the due application and proportion of the *Asclepias* leaves. This plant grows, dock-like, in profusion over the plains and waste ground of the dry central districts of Madras. In Malabar and on the rainy western coast it is hardly ever seen, and there, though the laterite soil is richly charged with iron and extensively smelted, the Malabar smiths cannot produce the steel,—they lack the secret of the mysterious leaf. The *Asclepias* plant throughout its stem and broad blue-green leaves is filled with a milky juice, and its effect on metal depends on a recondite chemical cause, very far from obvious; and it is difficult to imagine how it could have been discovered in an unscientific age and country: its use and application were probably hit upon by accident, like the making of glass and the Tyrian dye.

But the Indian steel has one defect which goes far to explain the rarity of its appearance, and the profusion of European steel, in great armouries of old date, like that in the Tanjor palace, and that defect is its exceeding brittleness. Worked up in the European style it would break like glass. Hence, doubtless, the preference shown for the tougher and more enduring European blades. Moreover, the ancient Indian smiths seem to have had a difficulty in hitting on a medium between this highly refined brittle steel and a too-soft metal. In ancient sculptures, as at Śrīraṅgam, near Trichinapalli, life-sized figures of armed men are often represented bearing *kuttars* or long daggers of a peculiar shape; the handles, not so broad as in later *kuttars*, are covered with a long narrow guard, and the blades, 2½ inches broad at bottom, taper very gradually to a point through a length of 18 inches, more than three-fourths of which is deeply channelled on both sides with six converging grooves. There were many of these in the Tanjor armoury, perfectly corresponding with those sculptured in the old temples, and all were so soft as to be easily bent,—recalling the fault noted by Tacitus and Cæsar in the weapons of the ancient Gauls and Germans.

#### MISCELLANEA.

##### HIWAN TSHANG'S ACCOUNT OF HARSHAVARDHANA.

The reigning king is of the *Fo-i-sha* (Yü-shya) caste; is surnamed *Ho-lü-sha-fa-l'an-na* (Harsha-

vardhana);<sup>1</sup> he rules over and holds the whole country. They reckon three kings in two generations. His father's surname was *Po-lo-hia-lo-fa-l'an-na* (Prabhākara-

<sup>1</sup> In Chinese *Hü-tsing*, 'increaser of joy.' See note 2 below.



dhana),<sup>5</sup> his elder brother was called *Ho-lo-sho-fa-tan-na* (Rājyavardhana). *Wang-tseng*<sup>6</sup> ascended the throne as eldest son, and ruled in a virtuous way. At that time *Sho-sheng-ku* (Śaśāṅka),<sup>7</sup> king of the realm of *Kie-lo-sho-fa-la-na* (Kāṇasavarṇa) in Eastern India, said daily to his ministers: "When there is a wise king in the neighbourhood it is dangerous for the state." Upon that he treacherously invited him to a meeting and killed him (Rājyavardhana).<sup>8</sup> The inhabitants (of Kanyākubja) having lost their prince, the state became a prey to disorder. Then a minister named *Po-si* (Bhāṣī),<sup>9</sup> who enjoyed much authority, spoke thus to his colleagues: "The fate of the kingdom should be decided to-day. The (eldest) son of our first king is dead; the brother of that prince is benevolent and humane, and Heaven has endowed him with filial piety and reverence. From the impulse of his heart he will revere his parents and have confidence in his subjects. I desire to see him inherit the throne. What think you of it? Let each speak his own opinion."

As all admired his virtues, no one had a different opinion. Then the ministers and magistrates besought him to ascend the throne: "Royal prince," said they, "condescend to listen to us. Our first king had accumulated merits and amassed virtues, and he reigned with glory. When *Wang-tseng* (Rājyavardhana) succeeded him, we thought that he would continue to the end of his career. But by the incapacity of his ministers he has gone and fallen under the sword of his enemy; that has been a great disgrace to the realm. It is we who are to blame. The opinion of the public is manifested in the songs of the people, and all the world sincerely submits to your resplendent talents. Rule, then, gloriously over the country. If you can avenge the injuries of your family, wipe out the disgrace of the state, and render illustrious the heritage of

your father: what merit will be comparable to yours? We supplicate you, do not spurn our wishes."

"In all times," replied the royal prince, "the inheritance of a kingdom has been a heavy load. Before mounting a throne one ought to consider maturely. For myself, in truth, I have only moderate ability; but now, that my father and my brother are no more, if I decline the inheritance of the crown, shall I thereby do any good to the people? It is right that I should obey public opinion, and forget my weakness and incapacity. Now, on the banks of the Ganges there is a statue of *Kien-tseu-tsai-pu-sa* (Avalōkitēśvara Bōdhisattva).<sup>10</sup> As it works many miracles, I wish to go and pray to it." He went at once to the statue, fasted, and made fervent prayers. The Bōdhisattva, touched by his heartfelt sincerity, appeared to him in person and asked thus: "What do you ask for with such pressing importunity?"

"I have done nothing but accumulate evils," replied the royal prince; "I have lost my father, who was good and affectionate, and my elder brother, a pattern of gentleness and kindness, has been shamefully massacred. Their death has been to me a double affliction. I perceive that I have but little ability; however, the inhabitants of the state wish to raise me to honour, and require that I should succeed to the throne, to render famous the heritage of my father. But, as my mind is dull and devoid of knowledge, I venture to ask your holy opinion."

The *Pu-sa* (Bōdhisattva) said to him: "In your previous life you dwelt in a forest: you wore the Bhikṣu of a hermitage, and you discharged your duties with indefatigable zeal. By the effect of that virtuous conduct you have become the son of this king. The king of the state of *Kia-shi* (Kāṇasavarṇa) having destroyed the law of Buddha,

<sup>5</sup> In Chinese *Tao-kuang-tseng*, i.e., 'the increase of that which makes light.' In place of *Po-lo*, *Po-lo-p'o* (Prabha) is required. He is also called *Pratāpāli* by Bāṇa, see note 6.

<sup>6</sup> The Chinese translation of Rājyavardhana, i.e., 'increase of the king.'

<sup>7</sup> In Chinese *Paoi*, 'moon.' This is Śaśāṅka Narendragupta of Bāṇa's *Harshacharita*.

<sup>8</sup> *Kin-shi*, 'golden-eared' or 'having gold in the ears.' The town of Raṅgāmattī, 12 miles south of Murchidbhāḍ, stands on the site of an old city called Kurusoma-ka-gadhā, supposed to be a Bengali corruption of the name in the text: *Jour. As. Soc. Beng.* vol. XXII. (1858) pp. 281, 282; *Jour. R. As. Soc.* (N. S.) vol. VI. p. 248.

<sup>9</sup> From the incomplete *Harshacharita* of Bāṇa, a poet who seems to have lived at the court of Harshavardhana, we learn that *Pushpabhūti*, a native of the country of Śrīkṣāpāṭha, in which was the town of *Shān-chi-vāra*, that is, Tbhūmer, was the ancestor of *Pratāpāli* or *Prabhākara* vardhana, king of Kāṇauj, who is said to have subdued the Hūṇas, with Sindhu, Gṛhara, Lāṇa, and Mālava. He married *Yādavatī*, and "his family consisted of three children: two sons, Rājyavardhana and *Harsha*," and a daughter, *Mahādevī*

or Rājyāśī. To Bhaṇḍīya subject of high rank, Rājyavardhana and Harshavardhana were entrusted for their education. Rājyāśī was married at Kanyākubja to *Gruhararmā*, the son of *Avastivarmā*, of the Maṇḍhara family; but on the day of *Prabhākara* vardhana's death *Gruhararmā* was massacred by the king of *Mālava*, and Rājyāśī carried off. Rājyavardhana, taking Bhaṇḍī with him, and an army of ten thousand horse, followed the king of *Mālava* and slew him; but he himself was defeated and killed by *Śaśāṅka* Narendragupta, king of *Gauda* or *Bengal*, and succeeded by his younger brother *Harsha*, whom his officers urged to avenge his brother's death. But the Hindu epic breaks off on the recovery of Rājyāśī among the *Vindhya* mountains.—See Hall's *Vāṇasatthā*, pp. 31, 32; *Jour. R. As. Soc.* vol. X. pp. 38-45.

<sup>10</sup> Bhaṇḍī—according to Bāṇa.

<sup>11</sup> The *Padmāvatī* of Nepālese Mythology, and *Kwan-lin* of the Chinese. Conf. Burnouf, *Introd. à l'Hist. du Bouddh.*, 3me ed. pp. 161, 171, 196-205, 212; *Vassilief, Le Bouddh.* pp. 125, 173, 178, 186, 197; *Jour. R. As. Soc.* (N. S.) vol. II. pp. 136ff. 418ff.; Hodgson's *Illustr.* pp. 68, 78, 136, or reprint, pt. I. pp. 47, 54, 66; *Laidlay's Pūṇ-huan*, pp. 115-117; *Beal's Buddhist Pilgrims*, pp. 69, 167; *Journal of Philology*, vol. VI. (1876) pp. 222-231.



it is right that you should succeed to the crown, to restore the splendour of the kingdom. If you fill your heart with affection and compassion, if your mind sympathize with distress, before long you will rule over the five Indies. If you wish to prolong the duration of your dynasty, it will be necessary to follow my instructions. Through my secret protection I will obtain for you distinguished honour, and no neighbouring king will be able to resist you. But do not ascend the *Sindhāsana* (throne), nor take the title of *Mahārāja*."

Having received these instructions he returned. He then accepted the inheritance of royalty, called himself by the name of prince royal (*Kumārārāja*), and took the title of *Shi-to'o-s'i-to* (*Śīlāditya*).<sup>9</sup> Thereupon he gave the following orders to all his subjects:—"The death of my brother is not yet punished, and the neighbouring states are not obedient to my laws; I do not know when I shall be able to eat in peace. Let all you magistrates unite your hearts and arms."

Immediately he collected all the troops of the kingdom, and caused the soldiers to be exercised. He had an army of five thousand elephants; the cavalry numbered twenty thousand horse; and the infantry fifty thousand men. He marched from west to east to punish the insubordinate kings. The elephants did not put off their housings, nor the men their cuirasses. Finally, in the middle of the sixth year, he made himself master of the five Indies. After increasing his dominions, he still further added to his army; the elephant corps was raised to sixty thousand, and the cavalry to a hundred thousand. At the end of thirty years the war ceased, and, by his wise administration, he spread union and peace everywhere. He applied himself to economy, cultivated virtue, and practised doing good at the risk of neglecting food and sleep. He forbade throughout the five Indies the use of meat, adding that if any one slew a living being he should be condemned to death without hope of pardon. Near the banks of the Ganges he caused to be raised many thousands of *Stūpas* that were each a hundred feet high. In the cities, large and small, of the five Indies, in the villages, in public places, and at the crossing of roads, he caused almshouses<sup>10</sup> to be built, where were placed food and drink and medicines to be given in charity to travellers, the poor, and

the indigent. These benevolent distributions never cease. Wherever the Saint (Buddha) had left the mark of his feet, he erected *Kia-lan* (*Saṅghārāma*s). Every five years he convokes an assembly called *Wu-che-to-koet* (the great assembly of Deliverance—*Mōksha mahā parishad*). He empties the treasury and state stores to do good to everybody; he only reserves the arms, which are not suitable to give in alms. Every year he collects the *Shāmen* (*Śramanas*) of the various kingdoms. On the third and seventh day he makes the four offerings. He decorates richly the *Chair of the Law*, and causes *seats of exposition*<sup>11</sup> to be arranged in great numbers. He orders the monks to argue together, and judges of their force or weakness. He rewards the good and punishes the evil, degrades the ignorant and promotes men of ability. If any one faithfully observes the rules of discipline, if he is distinguished by the purity of his morals, the king makes him ascend the *Sindhāsana* (lion's seat—on his throne), and himself receives from his lips the precept of the law. If any one, however, who leads a pure and irreproachable life be deficient in knowledge and learning, he is pleased to give him proofs of his esteem and regard.

If a man forget the rules and discipline, and allow his vices to appear in open day, the prince expels him from his kingdom, and wishes to see or hear no more of him. When the petty kings of the neighbouring states, their ministers and their principal officers, unweariedly practise good, and strive after virtue with unabated zeal, he takes them by the hand, makes them sit on his throne, and calls them his 'good friends.' As for those who pursue a different course he accords to speak to them face to face. If he require to consult any one about a matter, he puts himself in connection with him by means of a continual exchange of couriers. Often he himself visits his dominions, and examines the manners of the inhabitants. He has no fixed residence; wherever he stops, he causes a cottage to be constructed and there stays. Only in the three months of the rainy season (*Varshās*) he suspended his excursions. Daily at his travelling abode he caused choice viands to be prepared to support men of different creeds, namely, a thousand monks and five hundred *Brāhmanas*. He divided the day into three parts: in the first he was engaged with public affairs and the government; the second he devoted to meritorious deeds,

China in A.D. 648, when Harsha was dead and a usurper had seized on the government, this very slight alteration in the translation removes all difficulty.

<sup>10</sup> In Chinese, *Tsing-lin*—'pure rooms,' *Puṇyāśāla*.

<sup>11</sup> We may here understand the seat of the president charged to expound the Law (or teaching), and the seats of the clergy who should assist or take part in the exposition of the texts. In Chinese these are *i-yen*, 'the seats of sense' (*vaiya justice*).

<sup>9</sup> In Chinese *Kiat-jé*, 'sum of moral conduct.' Hall remarks that he has not found this title in *Bān's Harsha-charita*, and questions its accuracy, because the titles of *Kshatriyas* only end in *ditya*, whilst *Hsuan Thsang* informs us that Harsha was a *Vaisya*—*Fénelon*, pp. 53, 54. But in *Reinard's Mémoires sur l'Inde* the first sentence of this extract is translated thus:—"The actual king is of the *Vaisya* caste; the (*late*) king bore the honorific title of Harsha-Varidhans (*the increaser of joy*); he reigned over that country." As *Hsuan Thsang* wrote after his return to



and cultivated goodness with unremitting fervour: the entire day is not sufficient for him.

At the beginning (Hsiwan Thsang) having received an invitation from the king *Kew-mo-lo* (Kumāra), he replied, 'I go from the kingdom of *Mo-kie-lo* (Māgadha) to the kingdom of *Kie-mo-luo* (Kāmarūpa).'

At that time the king *Kie-ji* (Śīlāditya) was visiting his states. As he was in the kingdom of *Kie-chu-u-ki-lo* (Kājāghira), he gave this order to the king *Kew-mo-lo* (Kumāra): "Come with the foreign monk from the convent of *Nolas-lo* (Nālanda) and see me at once."

The above (monk) in company with *Kew-mo-lo* (Kumāra), proceeded to the king. After refreshing himself from his fatigue, the king *Kie-ji* (Śīlāditya) said to him: "From what kingdom do you come; what do you seek for?"—"I come," answered the traveller, "from the kingdom of the great *Thang*, and ask your permission to inquire after the law of Buddha."—"In what country is the kingdom of the great *Thang*?" asked the king; "how far is it from this?"—"It is situated," replied he, "to the north-east from this country, and is distant many tens of thousands of *li*. It is the country which the Indians call *Mo-ho-china* (Mahāchīna)."—"I have heard it said," rejoined the king, "that in the country of *Mo-ho-chi-na* (Mahāchīna) there is an emperor called the king of *Thsin*. In his youth he distinguished himself by marvellous sagacity; having become great, he displayed a remarkable ability in the art of war. During the preceding reign the empire was the prey of anarchy; it was divided and fell to pieces; every one flew to arms, and people were immersed in misfortune. But the emperor, styled the King of *Thsin*, who at a fortunate moment had devised great plans, manifested all his kindness and tender mercy. He saved the people from shipwreck, and stilled the interior of the seas (the empire). His laws and benefactions were spread abroad. The peoples of other countries and strange lands received his reforms with delight, and avowed themselves his subjects. The multitude which he generously supported sang musical pieces in honour of the victories of the King of *Thsin*. For a long while past I have heard his praises celebrated. Has the commendation of his splendid virtues a real foundation? Is that indeed what is called the kingdom of the great *Thang*?"

"Yes," was the reply, "*Chi-na* is the name of the dominion of our first kings, and *Ta-thang*

(the great *Thang*) is that of the ruling dynasty. Now, before the sovereign had inherited the throne, he was called the 'King of *Thsin*'; now that he enjoys the supreme power, he is called *Thien-tsu* (the son of heaven—the emperor).

"At the termination of the preceding dynasty<sup>12</sup> the people were without a master; civil war prevailed and men were slain. The King of *Thsin*, who had received from heaven a great soul, manifested his good will and mercy. Thanks to the power of his arms, the wicked were destroyed, the eight regions began to breathe, and the ten thousand kingdoms came to offer him tribute. Bountifully he sustains all creatures; he reverences the three precious things; he lightens the taxes and mitigates punishments; the realm has superabundant resources, and the people enjoy undisturbed peace. It would be difficult to enumerate completely his great views and his grand reforms."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed *Kie-ji* (Śīlāditya): "the peoples of that country (China) owe their happiness to their saintly king."

At this time king *Kie-ji*, being about to return to the city of hunchbacked maidens (*Kanyākubja*), summoned an Assembly of the Law. Preceded by a multitude of several hundreds of thousands, he stopped on the south bank of the Ganges. The king *Kew-mo-lo* (Kumāra), preceded by a multitude of some tens of thousands, occupied the northern bank. Then the troops, separated by the river which flowed between them, advanced at the same time by water and by land. The two kings opened the procession. The four corps of the army formed an imposing escort. Some on boats, others on elephants, advanced to the sound of drums, marine conches, flutes and gaiters. At the end of ninety days they arrived at *Kanyākubja*, in the middle of a great forest of trees in blossom, on the west bank of the Ganges. At this juncture twenty kings of different districts, who had previously received the orders of Śīlāditya, each brought the most distinguished *Sha-men* (Śramanas) and *Pa-lo-men* (Brāhmanas) of their kingdoms; magistrates and warriors had come to join the great assembly.

The king (Śīlāditya) had already constructed an immense *Kia-lan* (Saṅghārāma). On the east of the Saṅghārāma he had raised a tower richly ornamented and nearly a hundred feet high. In the middle was a golden statue of Buddha, of the same size as the king. To the south of the tower

<sup>12</sup> Another form of the Chinese is *Kie-ching-ki-lo* (Kajit-*en*); the geographical list in the *Mahābhārata* mentions the *Kajinas* among the people of Eastern India (Wilson's *Pishan Purāna*, 4to ed. p. 196, note 163, and in the Singhalese chronicles mention is made of *Kajanghātē-Nyanganō* (Upham's *Sac. and Hist. Books*, vol. II. p. 144). The place mentioned above must have been somewhere

about *Rājmahāl*, which district went by the name of *Kānk-jol* (Gladwin's *Syeen Adhary*, vol. II. p. 178; Hamilton's *Gazetteer*, s. r. 'Rājamahāl'), from a town 15 miles south of *Rājmahāl* (Cunningham, *Ant. Inq.* p. 479); conf. also *Jour. R. As. Soc. (N. S.)* vol. VI. p. 237; M. Jubeu, *Mém. sur les Cont. Occid.* tom. II. p. 397.

<sup>13</sup> The dynasty of the *Sui*.

he had set up an altar made of precious materials, where to bathe the statue of Buddha.

Fourteen or fifteen *li* to the north-east of this place he made also a travelling palace. It was then the second month of the spring season. From the first day he had delicious viands presented to the *Sha-men* (*Śramanas*) and *Pa-lo-men* (*Brāhmanas*). On the twenty-first day, from the travelling palace to the great *Kia-lan* (convent), he caused tents to be placed on both sides of the road, which shone bright with the richest ornaments. Musicians who stayed there constantly made concerts of harmony in turns. The king sent out from his travelling palace a golden statue, hollow inside and in *alto-relievo*, about three feet high. It was carried on a huge elephant covered with a housing of great value.

King *Kiat-ji* (*Śilāditya*), in the character of *Ti-shi* (*Indra*), carried a precious parasol and went on the left of the image. King *Kau-mo-lo* (*Kumāra*), in the character of *Fan* (*Brahmā*), took a white fly-flap in his hand and went on the right. Each of these had for escort a body of five hundred elephants covered with armour. Before and behind the image of Buddha were a hundred great elephants. They carried musicians who beat the drum and filled the air with sounds of harmony. King *Kiat-ji* (*Śilāditya*) scattered at every step fine pearls, precious stones of every sort, and flowers of gold and silver, in honour of the *three precious things*. Forthwith he stood on the altar, made of precious materials, and bathed the image with perfumed water. The king took it himself upon his shoulders and carried it to the top of the western tower. Then, to do it honour, he offered tens, hundreds, thousands of vestments of silk decked with all sorts of precious stones. At that time there were only twenty *Śramanas* who followed the statue; the kings of different countries acted as an escort.

When they had done eating, the king re-assembled (in a conference) the men of different studies (the monks and the *Brāhmanas*), who discussed the most abstract expressions and handled the most recondite principles. Towards evening the king returned to his travelling house. Daily the statue was thus conducted and accompanied in great pomp as at first. But when the last day of the assembly had come, all at once the great tower took fire, and the double-storeyed pavilion which rose over the gate of the convent became a prey to the flames. The king then said: "I have spent the wealth of my kingdom in alms. After

the example of our ancient kings I have built this convent, and have desired to distinguish myself by meritorious acts; but my weak virtue has found no support. At the sight of such calamities, and so sad omens, why should I care to live?"

Then he burnt perfumes, addressed humble prayers to Buddha, and pronounced these words:—"Thanks to the good deeds of my previous life, I have become king of the five Indies. I desire by the power of my virtue to extinguish this terrible fire. If this vow be without effect, may I die at this instant!"

At these words he threw himself before the gate; the fire was extinguished as if it had been at once smothered, and the smoke disappeared. The kings, witnesses of this marvel, felt redoubled fear and respect; but he, without change of countenance, and in the same tone of voice as before, questioned the kings in these terms:—

"This fire suddenly has reduced to ashes the work which I had succeeded in making. What do you think of this event?"

The kings prostrated themselves at his feet, and answered him with tears in their eyes. "We hoped," said they, "that the sacred monument you had finished would last to future ages. Who would have imagined that on the first day it would be reduced to ashes? Add to this that the *Brāhmanas* might rejoice at it in secret, and are congratulating one another."

The king said to them: "By what has happened one may see the truth of Buddha's word. *Brāhmanas* and men of other studies obstinately hold that all is eternal<sup>14</sup>. But our great master (the Buddha) has shown us the impermanency (of all). As for me, I have completed my aims and have fulfilled the wish of my heart. In seeing this fire quenched, I recognize anew the truth of the words of *Ju-lai*. Here has been great happiness, and there is no cause to yield to tears."

Having finished these words, he followed the kings and ascended by the east side to the top of the great *Stūpa*. Having reached the summit, he looked around, then he descended the steps. But all at once a strange man ran to meet him with a dagger in his hand. The king, closely pressed, retreated some steps and remounted the stair, then descending he seized the man to give him over to the magistrates.

At this moment the magistrates, filled with fear and dismay, did not delay to run to his aid. All the kings demanded that the man should be killed. But king *Kiat-ji* (*Śilāditya*), without showing in his

<sup>14</sup> The Chinese has here *Ch'ch'ang-kien*, 'upholding the idea of the eternity (of men and things)'. The Dictionary *San-t'ang-fu-shu* (lib. vii. fol. 7) thus explains this expression: "Ch'ang-kien" signifies, for example, that our body is born again after death; since it continues to die

and to be renewed without interruption." In this passage, the king undoubtedly alludes to works made by man, namely, to the tower and pavilion which the fire had destroyed.



manner the least anger, prevented his being put to death. The king himself questioned him thus:—"What wrong have I done to you, that you should make such a criminal attempt?" "Great king," said he, "your goodness is free from partiality, and men from within and from without owe to you their happiness; but I, fool that I am, and incapable of forming noble aims, I have allowed myself to be duped by a word from the Brâhmanas. All at once I have become an assassin, and bound myself to kill your Majesty."

The king said to him: "Why have the Brâhmanas formed so wicked a purpose?"

"Sire," answered he, "after bringing together the princes of all kingdoms, you have emptied your treasury and stores to honour the *Sân-men* (Śramanas) and to make a statue (in gold) of Buddha; but the Brâhmanas, whom you have made come from far, have received no mark of attention from your Majesty. They have felt greatly disgraced by it, and charged the madman with whom you speak to make this shameful attempt."

Further, the king severely questioned the heretics and their partizans. There were five hundred *Po-lo-men* (Brâhmanas), all endowed with superior talents, who had presented themselves at the call of the king. Jealous of the *Sân-men* (Śramanas), whom the king had loaded with honours, they had thrown a fire-arrow which had set the precious tower in flames. They hoped that during the efforts that would be made to extinguish the fire the crowd would be scattered in disorder, and they would take advantage of the occasion to kill the king. Having missed the opportunity they hoped for, they had hired this man to run upon him in a bye-path and stab him.

At this moment the ministers of all the kings demanded the extermination of the Brâhmanas. The king punished the chiefs of the plot and pardoned their partizans. He banished five hundred Brâhmanas beyond the limits of India, and returned to the capital.<sup>12</sup>

On the north-west of the city is a *Stûpa*, built by king *Wu-yew* (Aśoka). At this place *Ju-lai* (the Tathâgata) had expounded the most excellent laws.

Near by are places where the four past Bud-

dhas had sat, and where they had walked in exercise. There is, besides, a small *Stûpa* which contains the hair and nails of *Ju-lai* (the Tathâgata), and another called the *Stûpa* of the Exposition of the Law.<sup>13</sup>

On the south side and close to the Ganges are three *Kia-las* (Saṅghârâmas), which have walls alike and the gates different. The images of Buddha are of striking beauty; the monks are grave and given to silence; they are served by many thousands of Brâhmanas. In a casket ornamented with precious stones, which occupies a pure house (*Vihâra*), there is a tooth of Buddha, an inch and a half long. It is of remarkable brilliance and extraordinary colour which changes from morning to night. It is visited from everywhere; the magistrates and representatives of the people unite in giving their homage to it. The daily crowds are reckoned by hundreds and thousands. The keepers, observing the noise and confusion increasing daily, have imposed a heavy tax, and have made it known everywhere that whoever wishes to see Buddha's tooth must pay a large gold piece. Nevertheless the devotees who come to see and worship the tooth are still as numerous, and willingly pay the tax of the piece of gold. Every fast-day it (*the box?*) is brought out and placed on a raised pedestal. Hundreds and thousands of men burn perfumes and offer handfuls of flowers. But though they do so the tooth casket never disappears under the heap of flowers.

Before the *Kia-las* (convent), right and left, there are two *Vihâras*, each nearly a hundred feet high. The foundations are of stone, and the building of brick. The statues of Buddha which are set up inside them are decked with many precious stones. They are cast partly of gold or silver, and partly of yellow copper. Before each of these two *Vihâras* is a small *Kia-las* (convent) to the south-east, and at a little distance from the *Kia-las* is a great *Vihâra*, built of brick on stone foundations. In the middle of it is the image of *Ju-lai* (the Tathâgata), represented standing. It is nearly thirty feet high. It is cast of brass, and decked with precious stones of exquisite beauty.

On the stone walls which surround the *Vihâra*

<sup>12</sup> Hiuan Tsiang tells us that, in accordance with a prediction made ten years previously, "the king *Kiao-jî* (Śīlāditya) died at the end of the period *Tong-hoai*," or A.D. 650 (*Vie et Voyages*, p. 215); *Ma-tuan-lin* places his death, however, in the 22nd of the years *Ching-luen*, or A.D. 648 (Pauthier's *Essai*, pp. 53, 54, or *Jour. Asiat.*, 2e sér., 1832, pp. 302, 310); and, as he had probably reigned upwards of forty years, we may place the beginning of his reign about the same time as that of *Pulikêsa*, or a little before it, in A.D. 607,—the date given by Reinand, *Mém. sur l'Inde*, pp. 135-143; *Frag. Arab. et Pers.*, p. 132, note 1. Cunningham (*Reliquæ Topæ*, p. 184) places *Torâma* in A.D. 520 to 550, while *Blâkô Dôjî* (*Jour. Asiat.*, vol. VIII, p. 249) places him about 500. There seems little reason to doubt that this was the brother of *Hiranyâ* (*Bâdarâjî* III. 102-104, 122). *Mâtrigupta*, the

successor of *Hiranyâ*, is represented as having been placed on the throne by *Harsha-Vikramâditya* of Ujjain, who is described as ruling over all India (ib. III. 125, 242, 265, 261-2, 255, 307, 323). And *Harsha's* son and successor is called *Pratâpâditya* and *Śīlāditya* (ib. III. 325). This *Śīlāditya* of Mâlava seems to be the same as is spoken of by Hiuan Tsiang (*Vie et Voyages*, pp. 204-206; *Mém.*, tom. II. p. 154) as having lived sixty years before his time, and who had reigned fifty years,—probably about A.D. 530-580,—but who must not be confounded with *Harsha-varddhana* of Kanauj. *Conf. Jour. Asiat.*, vol. VI. p. 226; *Ind. Ant.* vol. II. pp. 126, 124, note; vol. IV. p. 335.

<sup>13</sup> A *stûpa* raised in the place where the law had been expounded.

clever sculptors have represented in full detail all the acts of the *Ju-lai* (the Tathāgata) whilst he led the life of a *Pu-sa* (Bōdhisattva).

A short distance south of the stone Vihāra is a temple of the Sun-god.

To the south, and not far from this monument, is a temple of the God *Ta-tseu-ts'ui* (Mahādeva-Dēva). These two temples are constructed of a blue stone, beautifully bright, and ornamented with wonderful sculptures. They are of exactly the same form and dimensions as the Vihāra of Buddha. Each of these temples has a thousand attendants to water and sweep it. The sound of the drum and of chants accompanied by the guitar are continued day and night without interruption.

Six or seven li to the south-east of the capital, and on the south of the Ganges, is a *Stūpa* about two hundred feet high, which was built by king *Wu-yue* (Aśoka). Formerly in this place *Ju-lai* (the Tathāgata) preached for six months on the non-eternity of the body,<sup>17</sup> and on the emptiness (uselessness) of mortifications of it, and its inherent impurity.<sup>18</sup>

Near by are various places where the four past Buddhas had sat, and where they had walked in taking exercise. There is, besides, a small *Stūpa* which contains the hair and nails of *Ju-lai* (the Tathāgata). If a sick person reverently makes the circuit of it with active faith, he never fails to recover health and to secure felicity.—From Stanislas Julien's *Mémoires sur les Contrées Occidentales*, tom. I. pp. 247-265.

#### CONTI POMIGLIANESI

"Pomigliano d'Arce is a large village lying at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, on the road from Naples to Nola," which, moreover, has an illustrious citizen, Signor Vittorio Imbriani, not above collecting and publishing the folklore of his neighbourhood, and has further had the good fortune to attract the notice of Signor De Gubernatis and M. Marc Monnier, to the latter of whom (*apud* the *Revue des deux Mondes* of 1st November 1877, pp. 133ff.) I am indebted for the above information, and for the two stories appended. The resemblance of one to the *Rāmāyana* is commented on by the authors quoted; that of the other to the story of Turi and Basanta (*Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. p. 260) is almost as striking; but for my part I am shy of drawing conclusions.

<sup>17</sup> We know that, according to the Buddhists, man runs ceaselessly through the circle of transmigration (*Dict. San-thang-fa-su*, bk. iv. fol. 27): see above, note 14.

<sup>18</sup> The *Dict. San-thang-fa-su*, bk. xlv. fol. 1, enumerates thirty-six sorts of impure things inherent in the human body, e.g. tears, spittle, perspiration, urine, faeces, &c.

*The story of the prince who had an ill step-dame, and who slew the giant with ten heads.<sup>1</sup>*

In the days when all men were healthy, wealthy, and wise lived a great king 9000 years old. His first wife had left him a fine brave son. But having wed a second queen he had in a loving moment promised her a boon, be it what it might; and she required that the eldest son should be banished, and her own son have the crown.

Expelled by his cruel stepmother, the prince fled to the greenwood with the princess his wife. But one day that he had chased a deer till he was a long way from his hut the ten-headed monster carried off the princess.

The prince, not finding her on his return, was in a bad way, and set off in pursuit. After a long tramp he met the king of the monkeys, who complained to him of being vexed by a monster. (In those days beasts had speech.) To do him a good turn, the prince faced the monster and slew him. In those days beasts had gratitude too; the king of the monkeys, having learnt that the ten-headed monster had carried off the princess, sent his subjects to see what had become of her. The monkeys lost their way and were famished, but a good fairy gave them victuals and put them in the way.

They seek long and hard; at last they meet the vulture, who tells them that the ten-headed monster has carried off the princess beyond the sea. But how will they cross the ocean? The monkeys, in their distress, seek the king of the bears; he is too old, and advises them to apply to the *son of the wind*. This last flies over the sea, sees the princess and brings back news of her. Then the prince, by means of a marvellous bridge, crosses the sea himself, meets the ten-headed monster, himself slays him, and brings back his unlucky wife.

*The story of two boys who ate the heart and liver of a fowl, whereby the first became a pope, and the other won a purse of fifty ducats daily.<sup>2</sup>*

Once upon a time there was a man who, having naught to do in the streets, set off for the country. He chanced to look up at a tree and saw the nest of a certain fowl. He climbed up and took the mother-bird and two eggs, whereon was written, "Whoso eateth the heart of this fowl will become a pope, and whoso eateth its liver will win a purse of fifty ducats daily;" but he saw naught of all that. He went home and said to his wife, "What shall we do with this fowl? Our children perish of hunger.

<sup>1</sup> *Revue des deux Mondes*, tome XXIV. (1 Nov. 1877) p. 184.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* in "francisco." If the definite article or an equivalent is used in the original Italian or patois, it is a curious testimony to the wide-spread renown of *Rāmāya*.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.* pp. 147ff.



I will carry it to our gossip, and we will make a trifle of porridge for the weans." He went to his gossip, and quoth he, "Gossip, I bring you this fowl and her two eggs to amuse your children." The gossip said he wanted none of it; but, as the other insisted, at last told him to be off with his bird. The man took it and went off in a huff, forgetting the two eggs on his gossip's table.

He, looking on his table, finds the two eggs, reads the inscription, and says he, "Bad luck to it! what have I done? I let my little gossip carry off the fowl, and here's all this written on the eggs." He runs to the other and says that his children are crying for want of the fowl. "Then the man answered him, 'You are late, the fowl's eaten.' His gossip went home and took counsel of his wife, and said, 'What shall we do now, old woman?' She said that he should take the things (the poor man's children) and say that he'd rear them; and that was what the gossip did. He went to the man and says he, 'Little gossip, I want your two youngsters because you can't feed them; and I'll rear them.' He brought them home and put them to school; and every morning his wife made their bed, and every morning she found in it a purse of fifty ducats; and she used them right well. After six or seven years the gossip had laid in lots of money, and the weans were well grown. One morning the two lads set to playing one with the other in their bed, and if they did, out fell the purse of fifty ducats. When they saw that, they said, 'This is no place for us now; our father's gossip has put the purse here to see if we'd take the money'; and that same day they said to him that they would be off. Now he wasn't willing to let them go, but after many words he gave them two hundred du-

cats apiece and let them go. Off they went, and as they went they found themselves that night in a wood, and for want of better shelter they sat themselves down under an oaktree. When they got up in the morning, down fell the purse of fifty ducats. 'Ah, ha! that's why our dad's gossip wanted to have us at home—for this luck that's in us.' And off they went again, and came to cross-roads; and if they did, it chanced that one was behind just then; and they were parted and couldn't find each other. He who should win the purse of fifty ducats every morning got to one town, and he who should be pope to another; and he was on the street, for naught had he to eat; so to win his living he would be sexton of the church. Now one day there was a pope to be made in that town, and they loosed a dove; and when she lit on that sexton's head they made him the pope.

"Voilà," says M. Marc Monnier, "un nouveau genre de conclave qui se retrouve dans plus d'un conte populaire en Italie et d'ailleurs? Pareillement quand les rois sont embarrassés pour trouver un gendre, ils laissent tomber du haut d'un tour un mouchoir sur la foule," &c.

In India we should have let out the late lamented's elephant to find his successor in the first case; and in the second we have the Svayamvara. In both, the Eastern procedure seems the more dignified, and in the latter it has the additional merits of chivalry and common sense—things more easily combined than most people seem to think.

To cut a long story short, after adventures of little import to the purpose of this note, the brothers met at the court of him who had become pope, and lived happily ever after.

### METRICAL VERSIONS FROM THE MAHABHARATA.

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(Continued from p. 189.)

#### VIDULĀ AND SAKHJĀ.

A Kshatriya heroine's exhortation to her son.  
*Mahābhārata*, vv. 4494-4637.

There lived a Kshatriya queen of old,  
Well known to fame, far-sighted, bold,  
Who sat in councils, heard debate  
Proceed on grave affairs of state,  
Who, studying much and long, a store  
Possessed of rich and varied lore.  
She dwelt with joy 'mid war's alarms,  
And loved to hear of feats of arms,  
How Kshatriyas' power the proud subdued,  
And blessed the subject multitude.  
It chanced, a foe's superior might  
Once overcame her son in fight;

And, all his host dispersing, drove  
The prince in foreign lands to rove.  
There, stunned by fortune's crushing blow,  
He lived, and pined, in want and woe.  
Desponding, sad, he deemed it vain  
To seek to raise his head again.  
His spirit seeing so depressed,  
The mother thus her son addressed:—

*Vidulā.*

"Of all thy friends the grief and bane,  
Of all thy foes the joy and gain,—  
No real son art thou of mine,  
No scion of the kingly line.  
A Kshatriya thou wast never born;  
Of every warrior thou the scorn."

Whence spring'st thou ? from what outcast race ?  
 All nobler sires thou would'st disgrace.  
 Who can of thee with honour speak ?—  
 In spirit faint, in act so weak.  
 Desponding thus, hast thou no care  
 Thy shattered fortunes to repair ?  
 Contemn thyself no longer ; rise,  
 Awake to deeds of high emprise.  
 Why liest thou prone, as if the dread  
 Forked bolt of heaven had struck thee dead ?  
 Start up, aspire to high renown ;  
 By knightly deeds regain thy crown.  
 By force of will respect command ;  
 Blaze fiercely, like a glowing brand.  
 Like smouldering chaff, that only smokes,  
 A weakling men's contempt provokes.  
 Whoever strikes a manly blow,  
 And strives to lay his foeman low,  
 Has done his duty : though he fail,  
 That failure let him ne'er bewail.  
 For duty wage a constant strife ;  
 Than this, what other use has life ?  
 Thy pious acts have borne no fruit ;  
 And cut is now thy welfare's root.  
 If all thy hopes of good are gone,  
 In life why should'st thou linger on ?  
 Though hardly pressed, a warrior ne'er  
 Should yield to sad and weak despair.  
 Though fall'd to earth, a man should seize  
 With deadly grasp his foeman's knees,  
 Should drag him down with all his might,  
 And, smiting, end the deadly fight.  
 The sons who earn no honoured name  
 Can bring their mothers only shame.  
 Whoe'er in splendour, valour, lore,  
 Stands forth all other men before,  
 He justly claims—no other can—  
 The high and noble name of man.  
 He's falsely called a man whose heart  
 Is weak, who plays a woman's part.  
 On this our sad condition think :  
 We stand on utter ruin's brink,  
 From home and country driven, laid low,  
 Of joy bereft, and plunged in woe.  
 And wilt thou, nerveless, thus lie low,  
 Nor dare to strike another blow ?  
 I called thee son, but now I see  
 I bore the Kali age in thee.<sup>1</sup>  
 May woman never bear again  
 A son so base, so dire a bane !

<sup>1</sup> The Kali, which is the present Yuga, is the last of the four immense periods into which the Indian system of cosmogony divides the duration of the existing creation. The first, or Satya Yuga, was the age of perfection ; and during those which have followed, the world is conceived to have been undergoing a gradual course of deterioration to the extent of one-fourth in each succeeding Yuga. In

Submission, meekness, ne'er can raise  
 The sunk, or bring them happier days.  
 Fierce, energetic, strife alone  
 Can win thee back thy father's throne.  
 Ambition only, restless, proud,  
 Can lift a man above the crowd.  
 Steel, then, thy heart :—a hero grown,  
 From haughty foes wrest back thy own."

*Sanjaya.*

"What worth has earth, its wealth, its joys,  
 Its power, its state, its glittering toys,—  
 What worth has even life,—for thee,  
 My mother, if thou hast not me ?  
 Then urge me not to peril life,  
 In fruitless, bootless, desperate strife."

*Vidula.*

"Their lot is base who once were great,  
 But now have fallen from high estate,  
 Who, masters once, dependent now,  
 To others' wills must humbly bow,  
 Whom none regards, and who, by need  
 Constrained, on others' bounty feed.  
 To such a servile life as now  
 Thou lead'st, my son, no longer bow.  
 Win back those days,—alert and brave,—  
 When thou wast lord, and not a slave,  
 When all men watched thy kingly nod,  
 And bent before thee as a god.  
 Like heavenly bliss is kingly sway,  
 Like hell their lot who must obey.<sup>2</sup>  
 The prince whose arm his rule assures,  
 And well his kinsfolks' weal secures,  
 He during life enjoys renown,  
 And earns at length a heavenly crown.  
 Yet thou continuest faint of heart,  
 And wilt not act a hero's part.  
 But know, whene'er from love of life,  
 A Kshatriya shrinks from battle's strife,  
 With no fierce warlike ardour burns,—  
 His tribe that recreant soldier spurns.

Yet why should I my speech prolong ?  
 No pleas of mine, however strong,  
 Can sway, poor youth, thy wavering mind,  
 To all bold action disinclined.  
 Just so, no drugs his death can stay  
 Whose life is ebbing fast away.

Yet hear another reason why  
 Thou still in war thy chance should'st try.  
 The foe who now usurps thy throne  
 The peoples' love has never known.

the Kali age corruption and calamity are thus regarded as attaining their climax. The word Kali as used in the text may thus be considered as denoting an impersonation or incarnation of all evils.

<sup>2</sup> This line, which has nothing corresponding to it in the original, is given as a counterpart to the preceding.



Too weak to rise,—with none to guide,  
They watch the turn of fortune's tide.  
But if men saw thee bent on war  
Allies would flock from near and far.  
With these combined, thy plans prepare,  
Thy standard raise, and war declare.

Thy foe is mortal, bears no charm  
To guard his life from deadly harm.  
Go forward, then; to battle stride;  
Successes yet thine arms abide.  
Thy name is Victor;\* prove thy right  
To bear it: triumph now in fight.

Whilst thou wast but a child, of old  
A Brâhman seer thy lot foretold,  
That after dire reverses thou  
Once more in pride should'st rear thy brow.  
The sage's word remembering, I  
Expect thy coming victory.

But what a life is this we lead,  
Starvation dreading, sunk in need!  
What and vicissitudes I've seen!  
A princess born, a wedded queen,  
Resplendent once with jewels bright,  
My husband's joy, my friends' delight,  
In splendour nursed, I knew no care;  
And now!—but yet I'll not despair.

Should'st thou continue still to see  
Thus plunged in woe thy spouse and me,  
What joy could life then have for thee?

Our servants, all attached and good,  
Have left us, forced by lack of food.  
Our honoured teachers, Brâhman priests,  
Enjoy no more their former feasts.  
What comfort have I yet in store?  
Shall glad bright mornings dawn no more?  
It rends my heart, augments my woe,  
To say a needy Brâhman "no."  
In happier days my spouse and I  
A Brâhman's suit could ne'er deny.

We stand before a trackless sea,  
We have no raft, no guide but thee:  
Be thou our pilot, steer us o'er,  
And land us on a happier shore.  
A dying life is this we live;  
Do thou full life and vigour give.

What joy have I if thou disgrace  
By shrinking fear thy fathers' race?  
I could not bear to see thee act  
A flatterer's part with servile tact.  
A manly Kshatriya, highly born,  
All base unworthy arts should scorn;  
By fawning, cringing aspect meek

For others' grace should never seek.  
Think what our race's law requires,—  
A law observed by all our sires,  
On all their hearts inscribed, divine,  
And why not, too, engraved on thine?—  
A Kshatriya bold, with lofty brow,  
To lower man should never bow,  
But always grandly stand erect  
With conscious, noble, self-respect.  
And even when nought can doom forefend  
Defiant let him meet his end;  
By force be broken,—never bend.

To duty, Brâhman, gods above,  
A Kshatriya bows with reverent love:  
To these alone he homage pays;  
All humbler men he lord-like sways."

Sanjaya.

"Thou hast a hard, an iron heart,  
And play'st no loving mother's part,—  
True daughter of a warrior line;  
A fierce unbending soul is thine.  
To all thy Kshatriya instincts true,  
Thou dost not yield to love its due;  
Nor seek to guard me as thy one  
Supreme delight, thine only son!  
But spur'st me on, devoid of ruth,—  
As if I were an alien youth,—  
To join again in hopeless strife,  
And all in vain to peril life.

What worth would earth, its wealth, its joys,  
Its power, its state, its glittering toys,—  
What worth would life,—possess for thee,  
My mother, if thou hadst not me?"

Vidula.

"Life has two aims,—with zeal pursued  
By thoughtful men,—the right, the good.<sup>a</sup>  
These worthy ends of life to gain  
I've urged thee on, as yet in vain.  
The time has come, the favoured day  
For action,—long it may not stay;  
Improve it e'er it pass away:  
Thy fame is perilled by delay.  
Should I to warn thee now decline,  
I'd show a fondness asinine.<sup>b</sup>

Thou cravest love, then prove thy right  
To be indeed my heart's delight.  
When thou shalt play the hero's part,  
I then will clasp thee to my heart.

The Kshatriya race was formed for fight,  
In martial deeds should take delight;  
For heaven is earned by warriors all,  
By those who conquer, those who fall."

\* His name, "Sanjaya," means "victorious," or "victory."

<sup>a</sup> In the original these ideas are repeated here.

<sup>b</sup> *Dharma* and *Artha*, or Duty and Prosperity.

<sup>a</sup> This follows the original: "Were I not to address thee when thou art affected by infamy, this would be the weak, careless fondness of a she-man."

*Sanjaya.*

"I lack all means, have no allies,  
To aid my hostile enterprise.  
From home and empire rudely driven,  
My forces into fragments riven,—  
How can I face my conquering foe,  
Or think, unhelped, to lay him low?  
Alone, could even a giant hope  
With fierce embattled hosts to cope?  
But thou art fertile in resource;  
Do thou direct and shape my course.  
Thou bidd'st me now the strife renew;  
What thou commandest, I will do."

*Viduld.*

"Let not thine ancient ill success  
In war, my son, thy soul depress.  
To self-distrust no longer yield;  
Once more thy sceptre hope to wield.  
Misfortune lasts not always long;  
The strong grow weak, the weak grow strong.  
But trust not chance; by strife alone,  
And toil, canst thou regain thine own.

Heroic men, awake, alert,  
Spring up, and all their force exert.  
Resolved to win, with stubborn will,  
Despising risk and braving ill,  
They never rest, but struggle on  
Till all the good they seek is won.

A well-starred prince, religious, wise,  
To high estate must surely rise.  
On such Śri' smiles, benignly bright,  
As rising suns the Orient light.

But listen yet, while I reveal,  
How thou with other men should'st deal;  
How thou with art, and tact, and skill,  
May'st always mould them to thy will,  
By varying means may'st all persuade,  
Thy will to work, thy schemes to aid.  
Men's several natures sharply note,  
The various loves on which they dote,  
Gold, splendour, pleasure, honour, fame,  
Revenge, and every other aim;—  
These mark, indulge, to these give scope;  
And, swaying all by fear and hope,  
Their passions use to serve thine ends,  
To thwart thy foes, attach thy friends.  
By such means, too, the wise man knows  
To sow dissension 'mong his foes.  
And never, son, evince alarm,  
Whate'er may rise to threaten harm.

A ruler fear should never know,  
Or, if he feels, should never show;  
For if he shows he danger dreads,  
O'er all his host a panic spreads.

I've shown thee how, if thou wilt dare,  
Thou may'st thy losses yet repair.  
I've stirred thee up to flee from shame,  
To gain thyself a glorious name.  
I've sought thy soul with hope t' inspire,  
With martial glow thy breast to fire.  
I've told thee how, though now forlorn,  
Thou wast for future glory born.  
And now, my son, at length arise,  
Arise, and snatch the envied prize.

Now, last of all, my secrets hear,  
That thou no more may'st doubt or fear.  
We yet possess, to thee unknown,  
Large treasures, known to me alone.  
And many hundred friends remain,  
Good friends, who've borne misfortune's strain,  
Whom no reverse of ours could shake,  
Who common cause with us will make,—  
They surely will not leave us now,  
When fortune comes to crown thy brow.  
What need for more, my son, what need?  
So on to fight, and victory speed!"

*Sanjaya.*

"O thou, thy race's joy and pride,  
Heroic mother, sagest guide,  
Fond propheters of coming good,  
How thou hast roused my timid mood!  
Whilst thou didst strive, in long discourse,  
My languid soul to nerve with force,  
In war of words I strove in vain  
O'er thee the mastery to gain.  
For thou couldst all my pleas refute,  
And leave me stunned, abashed, and mute.  
With thee to lead, sustain, and cheer,  
How can I longer shrink or fear?  
Drunk with the nectar of thy word,  
To superhuman valour stirred,  
I must, with thee to show the way,  
Impossibilities essay.  
I will not see the ocean whelm<sup>1</sup>  
My own, my dear, paternal realm,  
But lift it high above the wave,  
Yea, death itself with joy will brave  
My cherished heritage to save."  
Thus by his mother's tauntings stung,  
By these her exhortations fired,  
Away the youth his weakness flung,  
And snatched the prize her soul desired.

<sup>1</sup> The goddess of good fortune.

<sup>2</sup> The original verse (4634), literally translated, runs thus:—"This earth must be supported in the water. I must die, (plunging) down into an abyss, or precipice." This is thus explained by the Commentator: "This land, my paternal kingdom, sinking as it were in the water. . . .

must be supported by me, or the sunken kingdom must be raised; or I must die in the gulf called battle; and not thus remain inactive." Supposing the word "earth" to stand for the world, the phrase might perhaps be understood of a superhuman effort, as I have done in the lines which precede.



The women of Rājputāna, as represented by Colonel Tod in his *Annals and Antiquities of Rājasthān* (see chapter xxiii. vol. I. pp. 607ff.), maintain in more recent times the character of heroism ascribed to Viṣṇu in this passage of the *Mahābhārata*. I give a few extracts. Vol. I. pp. 609f. (Madras ed. pp. 523, 525, 528, 530, 537, and 543):—" 'C'est aux hommes à faire des grandes choses; c'est aux femmes à les inspirer,' is a maxim to which every Rājput cavalier would subscribe, with whom the age of chivalry is not fled, though ages of oppression have passed over him. He knows there is no retreat into which the report of a gallant action will not penetrate, and set fair hearts in motion to be the objects of his search." P. 610:—"Like the ancient Germans or Scandinavians, the Rājput consults her in every transaction; from her ordinary actions he draws the omens of success, and he appends to her name the epithet of *devī*, or godlike." P. 613:—"Nor will

the annals of any nation afford more numerous or more sublime instances of female devotion than those of the Rājputs; and such would never have been recorded were not the incentive likely to be revered and followed." P. 614:—"The annals of no nation on earth record a more ennobling or more magnanimous instance of female loyalty than that exemplified by Dēwaldē, mother of the Binsar brothers," &c. P. 617:—"Dēwaldē says, 'Would that the gods had made me barren, that I had never borne sons who thus abandon the paths of the Rājputs, and refuse to succour their prince in danger.'" P. 633:—"The Rājput mother claims her full share in the glory of her son, who imbibes at the maternal fount the first rudiments of chivalry; and the importance of this parental instruction cannot be better illustrated than in the ever recurring simile, 'Make thy mother's milk resplendent,'" &c.

(To be continued.)

### BOOK NOTICES.

LA LANGUE EN LA LITTÉRATURE HINDOUSTANIE EN 1877: Revue annuelle. Par M. Garcin de Tassy, membre de l'Institut, professeur à l'école spéciale des langues orientales vivantes, président de la société asiatique, &c.

The venerable M. Garcin de Tassy has again inaugurated the advent of another year by issuing his *Revue annuelle* of the past. As the first and great event was the Imperial Assemblage of Delhi, some space is allotted to the description of the literary productions connected with it. The chief publications of the year are a canto of the *Rāmāyana* of Tulsi Dās, printed with the greatest care and an accurate translation by Mr. F. S. Grower; the *Adi Granth* of the Sikhs by Dr. Trumpp, consisting of cxxxviii. and 716 pages; the *Grammar of Oriental Hindi* by Dr. A. F. R. Hoernle; and a Hebrew Grammar in Urdu by the late Dr. Warren. These appear to have been the only works published by Europeans, all the others being by natives, except Eastwick's *Kaṣṣar-nāma-i Hind*, which, however, is only announced as being in course of preparation.

The Pandit Pyari Lal, well known by his numerous publications, has now issued a complete Urdu translation of the *Bhagwat Purāṇa* in twelve *skandas* or parts. The Hakim Amanat Ali, Rais of Sahāranpūr, has produced a 'History of the Khalifa—*Taukhat ul-khalafā*—in Urdu verse, according to the *Futūḥ usshahān* of Wāqidi and other celebrated works. The titles of three works useful to Government servants are:—The *Uṣūl-i-akhḥār-o-Qawāim*, treating on general principles of law, on civil tribunals, and on police; the *Qānūn-i-rustam-i a'dālatih-i Hindi*, or Code of usages in the Law Courts of India, and the *Shārḥ-i qānūn-i-*

*shahādāt*, or Explanation on the Law of Testimony.

Some polemical works have also made their appearance, and the most important of them appears to be the *Khushd-i Ahmadīyāh*, or "Addresses of Ahmad," written by the eminent Sayyid Ahmad Khān, who some years ago published an English work under the title of *A Series of Essays on the Life of Muhammad, and subjects subsidiary thereto*. This Urdu work, M. Garcin de Tassy thinks, has for its chief object to refute *The Life of Muhammad* of Sir W. Muir, which has been very well received, and of which a new abridged edition has just come out. According to Sayyid Ahmad, the work of Sir William is based on the recital of Wāqidi, who, he says, is a much-esteemed author, but undeserving of any credit—a somewhat dubious criticism.

The number of books, of all sizes and subjects, is as large as ever, and we must refer the reader desiring to learn their titles, &c. to the *Revue* itself, as there is no other work which summarizes the publications of the whole peninsula. Besides the various notices scattered about in the *Revue*, there are seven special lists, namely,—1st, works printed in the N.W. Provinces; 2nd, in Lakhnau and Oudh; 3rd, in the Panjāb; 4th, books lately published in Calcutta and other towns of Bengal; 5th, in Bombay; 6th, the works of Muḥammad Nasrat Ali Quāṣar; and 7th, the list of Muslimān polemic works by the same.

Due notice is taken of independent native schools, such as the Aligarh College, Sir Salar Jang's Female College at Haidarābād, and the Pāt-



*śāḍja* of Allahābād established by Nārāyaṇa Singh, for teaching the *Vedas* in Hindustān; also various associations, such as the British Indian, the Anjuman-i Panjāb, the Sarvajanik Sabha of Pūnā, &c., are commented on.

In the necrology for the past year the first notice respects Mr. A. H. Bloock, a former pupil of the author's, devoted to Oriental literature, and well known to the *Pārsis* of Bombay as the author of an English version of the *Zend-Avesta* from the German translation of Dr. Spiegel, made and printed at the expense of Mr. M. H. Cama.—Sir Jang Bahādūr, the prime-minister of the Rājā of Nipāl, died on the 25th February 1877; he was personally acquainted with M. Garcin de Tassy.—The Qādi A'bd-ul-bārī, President of the Musulmān Literary Society, expired in Calcutta on the 9th April 1877, at the age of 79 years.—The Rev. Dr. R. C. Mather, formerly editor of the *Kheir Khwah-i Hind*, or "Well-wisher of India," died on the 21st April; and on the next day Mr. Allen, the proprietor of *Allen's Indian Mail*, expired.—Miss Mary Carpenter, the philanthropist, well known and remembered all over India, to which she paid no fewer than four visits within a few years before her death, died on the 15th June, aged 71 years.—Almost simultaneously with hers, the death of the Maharāja Rāmanāth Tāgor, the brother of Dwārkanāth, took place at Calcutta, at the age of 77 years. He was a member of the Viceroy's Legislative Council, and a C.S.I.—The death of J. C. Marshman, at the age of 83 years, took place in England, whither he had retired. He is chiefly known by his *History of India*, which has become a text book. He established the first Bengālī journal at Serampūr, the *Sandesh Darpan*,—as well as the *Friend of India*. On account of his proficiency in several Oriental languages, he was for many years the official translator to the Government of India.—Lastly, Miss Toru Dutt left this world at Calcutta on the 31st April, aged 20 years. She was a poetess of great promise, and, besides the pieces scattered in various periodicals, is known as the authoress of *A Sheaf gleaned from French Fields*. She had just obtained permission from the authoress of *La femme dans l'Inde antique*, or *Woman in ancient India*, to translate it, when she was overtaken by death.—E. R.

THE SĀNTI-ĀRṂĀḢA OF THE ŚKANDA-PURĀṆA: A Mythological, Historical, and Geographical Account of Western India. First edition of the Sanskrit text, with various readings. By J. Gerson de Cunha, M.R.C.S. &c. Bombay, 1877.

Our actual knowledge of Pauranic literature is still very fragmentary and unsatisfactory. Of the eighteen chief Purāṇas, only two, the *Viṣṇu* and *Bhāgavata*, have hitherto been made accessible through editions published in India, and by the

translations, either complete or partial, of Wilson (and Hall) and Burnouf. Portions of the others, more or less considerable, have, it is true, been published; but it is to be hoped that complete editions will in course of time appear of all of them, to enable us to extract from these texts what useful matter they contain. Though we cannot, perhaps, expect from the as yet unpublished Pauranic literature much actual gain of trustworthy historical and geographical knowledge, we must not forget that these works constitute a by no means unimportant chapter of Sanskrit literature, and that a much fuller acquaintance with them is required to fill up many blanks in the history of religious and speculative thought in India. Of the great mass of separate treatises that claim to form part of the *Śkanda-Purāṇa*, the most extensive of these medieval depositories of Brāhmanical lore, comparatively little has hitherto been published. Dr. Haas, in his *Catalogue of Printed Sanskrit Books in the British Museum*, mentions fifteen separate titles under this heading, most of them consisting of single *māhātmyas* or *kāṇḍas* contained on a few leaves. A few more treatises have been noticed and analyzed in Prof. Anfrecht's *Catalogue of the Bodleian Sanskrit MSS.* Under these circumstances Sanskrit scholars cannot but feel grateful to Mr. Da Cunha for his convenient edition of a complete *kāṇḍa* of the work, together with the supplementary *māhātmyas* bearing on the foundation of temples along the Sahyādri range. To Western archaeologists especially the book cannot fail to prove very useful and interesting, and they will look forward with interest to the appearance of the translation which Mr. Da Cunha promises. That the edition cannot be regarded as a critical one, in the strict sense of the word, the editor himself must be quite aware. The various readings of the MSS. announced in the title-page extend only over a small portion of the work: with the exception of one solitary note at p. 369, no *varia lectioes* have been noted from p. 78 to p. 490. There are also a good many mistakes in the text. Thus some couplets of the seventh *akhya* at pp. 23 and 24 are unintelligible as they stand; moreover, there seems to be a half-*śloka* wanting somewhere in the beginning,—at any rate the verses from 2 to the end have been wrongly divided: thus the second half-*śloka* of couplets 9-11 should form the first half of couplets, and in each of them *rasmdt* should be changed to *rasmd*. If we might venture to make a suggestion to Mr. Da Cunha, we would advise him to go again carefully over his text, and print a list of errata along with his translation. He would thereby do more justice to himself, and save a good deal of trouble to those who make use of his edition.



## SANSKRIT AND OLD CANARESE INSCRIPTIONS.

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## No. XLIV.

THE date that has hitherto been accepted by Sir Walter Elliot and other authorities, for the era of the early Chalukya king Pulikēśī I., is Śaka 411 (A.D. 489-90), based on a copper-plate grant presented by Captain T. B. Jervis, of the Bombay Engineers, to the British Museum. A transcription of this grant is given at Vol. I., p. 9, of the Elliot MS. Collection, and has also been published, with an abstract translation, by Mr. Wathen, at *Jour. B. As. Soc.*, Vol. V., p. 343. The authenticity of this grant has been questioned by Mr. Fergusson and Dr. Eggeling. I now reëdit it with the object of dispelling any doubt that may remain as to its being really a fabricated document of comparatively modern date.

The plates are five in number, each about  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " long by  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " broad. The edges of the plates are raised into rims to protect the writing. Dr. Barnell tells us, at p. 72, para. 4, of his *South-Indian Palaeography*, that the earliest instances of this practice belong to the ninth or tenth century. But I find it, accidental or not as the case may be, in the plates of the grant of Vijayabhattārikā, No. XLI. of this Series, at p. 163 above; and two other sets of the Nerūr grants, which, also, I have no reason for assuming to be forgeries, have very decided raised rims, undoubtedly intentional. The ring on which they are strung is about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick and  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter. It has the appearance of not having been cut; but, as both photographs and casts have been taken of these plates, it must have been cut and very carefully joined again. The seal of the ring is oval, and has the representation of a boar, facing to the proper right. I have no information as to where the plates were found, except that it was somewhere in the Southern Marāṭhā Country, or in the Karṇāṭaka.

The grant gives the genealogy of Pulikēśī, from his grandfather Jayasimha, and his father Raṇarāga. In ll. 7-9 occurs the passage, *Jayasimhasya rāja-simhasya sūnuḥ . . . Raṇarāgō bhavaṭ*,—from which Sir Walter Elliot, at *Modr. Jour. of Lit. and Science*, Vol. VII., p. 200, deduced, but doubtfully, 'Rājasimha' as a second name of Raṇarāga. If *rāja-*

*simha* had to be interpreted as a proper name at all, it would be a title of Jayasimha, not of Raṇarāga.

The grant then mentions a feudatory of his, Sāmiyāra, of the Rundranīla-Saindraka family, who was his governor for the Kohnāḍi district. It then purports to record that Sāmiyāra built a Jain temple at the city of Alaktakanagara, which was the chief town of a circle of seven hundred villages in that district, and, with the permission of the king, made grants of certain lands and villages to the temple on the occasion of an eclipse of the moon on the day of the full-moon of the month Vaiśākha in the Vibhava saṁvatsara, when the Śaka year 411 had expired.

It is just possible that Śaka 411 is the correct date for Pulikēśī I. But I am inclined to doubt even this. For, he was succeeded by his son Kirttivarmā I.; and he, again, by his younger brother Maṅgalīśvara, at whose death the succession went back to Pulikēśī II., or Satyāśraya, the son of Kirttivarmā I. I know of no other inscription purporting to be of the time of Pulikēśī I., and of none of the time of Jayasimha, Raṇarāga, or Kirttivarmā I. Of the time of Maṅgalīśvara, there is only one that bears a date,—the stone-tablet inscription in Cave No. III. at Bādāmi, my transcription and translation of which are published at Vol. IV., p. 363. It is dated in the twelfth year of his reign, "when Śaka 500 had expired." This makes his reign commence in Śaka 488 or 489. Of his successor, Pulikēśī II., again, there are two inscriptions with dates;—one, a copper-plate grant, No. XXVII. of this Series, at Vol. VI., p. 72, dated in the third year of his reign, "when Śaka 534 had expired"; and the other, the stone-tablet inscription at the Mēguti temple at Aihole, No. XIII. of this Series, at Vol. V., p. 67. When I published this latter inscription, I took the date of it to be "when Śaka 506 had expired"; but, for reasons that I shall explain on a future occasion, I now hold, and will show, that it is dated "when Śaka 556 had expired", and that Pulikēśī II. did commence to reign in Śaka 531 or 532. From the mention in l. 8 of the Aihole inscrip-

tion of a *chhatra-bhaṅga*, or 'interruption of the succession',—lit. 'a breaking of the umbrella (of sovereignty)',—it would seem that a period of anarchy ensued between the death of Maṅgalīśvara and the accession of Pulikēśī II. But it follows, from the above dates, that Maṅgalīśvara reigned for at least forty years. He cannot, therefore, have been much over thirty years of age, if indeed so old, when he succeeded. Taking him to have been then thirty years old, he was born in Śaka 458. And then, even if we assume that Pulikēśī I. was not more than twenty years of age when he succeeded, and that Śaka 411—the date of the present grant—was the very year of his accession, it follows that he was at least sixty-seven years old when his second son, Maṅgalīśvara, was born to him. And this, I apprehend, is hardly probable.

But, apart from any such argumentative reason, there are substantial grounds for disputing the date assigned to Pulikēśī I.—1, The plates are more numerous, and the language is more prolix, than is usual in grants of this early date.—2, The name of the dynasty is written 'Chālukya', in l. 5, with the vowel of the first syllable long. Whereas, in all genuine grants of early date, it is written either 'Chalukya', or 'Chalikya' and 'Chalukya', with the vowel of the first syllable short. Now, Sir Walter Elliot, in his paper *On Hindu Inscriptions at Madr. Jour. of Lit. and Sciences*, Vol. VII., p. 193, tells us, and on ample authority, that from the middle of the eighth to about the middle of the tenth century A.D., "the power of the Chalukyas was alienated for a time, or suffered a partial obscuration." It was restored in the person of Tailapa II., in Śaka 895 (A.D. 973-4) or thereabouts. And I find from inscriptions that, unless metrical reasons required the use of the form 'Chalukya', he and his successors are always called 'Chālukya's', and that this form of the name is peculiar to them. There seems, too, to have been a special reason for this; inasmuch as 'Chālukya' means 'the descendant of a Chalukya', this second derivative form points, not only to a temporary eclipse of the Chalukya power, but also to an actual break in the direct line of hereditary succession.—3, In l. 15, Pulikēśī I. is called 'Satyāśraya-Pulikēśī', and, in l. 31, he is called simply

'Satyāśraya.' In no other inscription is this title applied by itself to anyone anterior to Pulikēśī II., who, as we learn from the Aihole inscription, was the first to acquire the name. And only in No. XXVII. of this Series, transcr. l. 5, is it elsewhere applied to Pulikēśī I. at all; and it is coupled there with his own proper name, and, I suspect, is introduced by the writer without any authority, save that it was one of the titles of the similarly-named grandson, Pulikēśī II.—4, The mention of the horse Chitrakaṇṭha, in l. 11, is at variance with all the other inscriptions, which tell us that it was Vikramāditya I. who was the owner of "a horse of the breed called Chitrakaṇṭha", or "of an excellent horse named Chitrakaṇṭha".—5, The mention of the Kuhnūḍi district in l. 22 is another anachronism. For in l. 27 of No. II. of my Raṭṭa Inscriptions at *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. X., p. 194, we are told that it was the Raṭṭa Great Chieftain Kārtavīrya I., about Śaka 970, who, "when king, fixed the boundaries of the country of Kuhnūḍi"; and I have not found this district spoken of in any other early inscription.—6, This grant is dated in the Vibhava *saṁvatsara*. By the *Tables* in Brown's *Carnatic Chronology*, the Vibhava *saṁvatsara* would be Śaka 410,—quite near enough for the purpose. But, let the time at which the cycle of sixty *saṁvatsaras* was first devised and used by astronomers be what it may, the cycle was not in use in public documents in the Chalukya kingdom at the date to which these plates purport to belong. The earliest instance of its use that I have met with is in an Old Canarese inscription on stone at Nandwāḍige in the Kalāḍgi District; part of the name of the king, and the word expressing the centuries in the date, are unfortunately effaced, but I shall show hereafter that it is an inscription of the Rāshtrakūṭa king Dhāravarsha-Kalivallabha, or of his son Gōvinda-Prabhūtavarsha or Gōvinda III., and that the date of it is Śaka 722, the Dundubhi *saṁvatsara*. The earliest indisputable instance to which I can refer is an Old Canarese copper-plate grant of the Rāshtrakūṭa king Gōvinda III., dated Śaka 727, the Subhānu *saṁvatsara*; the original plates belong to Sir Walter Elliot and are now with me, and a transcription of



the first plate is given by Dr. Burnell at p. 88 of his *South-Indian Palaeography*. I am inclined to think, *en passant*, that it was the Râshtrakûta kings who first introduced the use of this cycle into the Chalukya dominions.—7, Śaka 411 is A.D. 489-90. Mr. Burgess informs me, as the result of calculation, that no lunar eclipse such as that spoken of occurred in A.D. 489, 490, or 491.—8, The almost invariable use of *l*, whenever it can be used in the place of *l*, is quite opposed to ancient orthography, and is in itself a strong indication of the modern composition of the inscription.—And finally, 9, The characters, instead of belonging to the fifth century A.D., are fully developed Old Canarese characters of at least the tenth or eleventh century A.D. I have no published fac-

simile to which I can refer for purposes of comparison. But, out of the unpublished materials that I have on hand, the characters of this grant resemble most nearly the characters of two grants of the Chôla successors of the Eastern Chalukya dynasty; one is a grant of Râjarâja II., dated Śaka 944, and the other is a grant of Kalôttuṅga-Chôḍaḍôva II., dated Śaka 1056. Among all the inscriptions of the Western dynasty, I can find none with the characters of which those of the present grant may suitably be compared.—In fine, I place the composition of this document at certainly not earlier than the tenth century A.D.

I have not succeeded in tracing on the map the localities referred to in the grant.

*Transcription.*

*First plate.*

- [<sup>1</sup>] Svasti || Jayanti=ananta-samsâra-pârâvâr-aika-sêtavah Mahâvir-âha(rha)taḥ=pûtâś-charaṇ-  
âmha-  
[<sup>2</sup>] ja-rôṇavaḥ || Śrīmatâm viśva-viśvambhar-âbhisaṁstûyamâna-Mânava-sagôtrâpâm Hârīti-  
[<sup>3</sup>] putrâpâm sapta-lô(16)ka-mâtṛibhis=sapta-mâtṛibhir=abhiwarddhitanâm Kârttikêya-  
parirakṣaṇa-prâ-  
[<sup>4</sup>] pta-kalyâṇa-parâṁparâpâm bhagavan-Nârîyaṇa-prasâda-samâśidita-varâha-lâṁbh-  
[<sup>5</sup>] n-ôkṣaṇa-kṣaṇa-vaśīkṛit-âśêṣha-matibhṛitânâm(sa. "bhṛitâm) Châlukyânâm kulam=  
ajamkarishyôḥ || sva-bhuj-ô-  
[<sup>6</sup>] pârjita-vasundharasya nija-yasâś-êravaṇa-mâtṛêṇ=aiṣ-âvannta-râjakasya kīrtti-patâ-  
[<sup>7</sup>] k-âvabhâṣita-dig-antarâjasya Jayasimhasya râja-simhasya sūnas=sūnṛita-vâ-  
[<sup>8</sup>] g-anavarata-dân-ârdṛikṛita-karas=sura-gaja iva prasama-midhis-tapô-nidhir-iva dṛi-  
[<sup>9</sup>] pta-vairishu prâpta-raṇa-râgê Raṇarâgê bhavat [||\*] Tasya ch-âtmajê évamêdhat-  
âva(sa. "mêdh-âva)bhṛita(tha)-anâna-pavi-  
[<sup>10</sup>] trīkṛita-gûtrê prapata-para-nṛipati-makuta-tata-ghatita-hatan-maṇi-gaṇa-kirana-vâr-dhâ-  
[<sup>11</sup>] rû-dhanta-châra-charaṇa-komaḷa-yugaḷê Chitrakapth-âbhidhâna-turâṅgama-kaṇḍhîravêṇ=  
ôtsâri-  
[<sup>12</sup>] t-âratî-stambbêrama-maṇḍaḷê varṇa-êrama-sarvva-dharmma-paripâjana-parê Gaṅgâ-  
Sêtu-madhya-  
[<sup>13</sup>] vartti-dêś-âdhîvarê śakti-traya-pravarddhita-prâjya-sâmrâjyê Gaṅgâ-Yamunâ-  
pâli-

*Second plate ; first side.*

- [<sup>14</sup>] dhvaja-daḍakk-âdi-paṁcha-mahâśabda-chihnaê karadīkṛita-Chôla-Chêra-Kêruja-Simhala-  
Kaḷim-  
[<sup>15</sup>] go-bhûpâḷê daṇḍita-Pâṇḍy-âdi-maṇḍi(nḍa)likê a-pratisâsanê Satyâśraya-Śrī-  
Palakêśy-a-  
[<sup>16</sup>] bhūdhâna-prithivivallabha-mahârâj-âdhirâjê prithivim-êk-âtaputram : sânti  
sati [||\*] Râjâ Randra-  
[<sup>17</sup>] nîla-Saindraka-vaṁśa-śâśâmkâyamânaḥ=prachandî-dôr-dâṇḍa-maṇḍita-maṇḍaḷ-âgrê Goḍa-  
nâma-  
[<sup>18</sup>] sît [||\*] Aya-naya-vinaya-sampannas=anayê sya sa(sa)maru-rasa-rusikas=  
Sivâr-âkhyayâ  
[<sup>19</sup>] khyâtaḥ [||\*] Putrê sya bhûta(tô) dhâtri-tīlakâyamânaḥ=parâkram-âkrânta-vairi-  
nikurumbaḥ

- [<sup>100</sup>] avāryya-vīryya-samanvitah kāryy-ākāryya-nipunaḥ Hanūmān-iva Rāma-  
 [<sup>101</sup>] sy=ābhirāmasya tasya bhṛityas=satya-sandhō dhārmamikas=Sāmiyāras=samabhūt [!]\*  
 Sa tat-prasā-  
 [<sup>102</sup>] da-samāsādita-Kubunḍi-vishayas=tam paripā[la\*]yam tad-antarbhūt-Ālaktak-Ābhidhāna-  
 nagāryya(ryām)  
 [<sup>103</sup>] grāma-saptaśata-rājadhānyām=asēsha-vishaya-viśeshakāyamānāyām śāji-vrīh-  
 ikshuvaṇa-cha-  
 [<sup>104</sup>] naka-priyamga-varak-ōdāraka-śyāmika-gōdhūm-ādy-anēka-dhānya-samriddhāyām tad-dēśa-  
 [<sup>105</sup>] vilāsini-mulcha-kamaḥam=iva virājamānāyām dhana-dhānya-paripūrṇa-kriśhivāḷa-  
 [<sup>106</sup>] prāyāyām || Aindryām diśi Mahēndr-ābhah=prāsādam pravaram=mahat  
 Jinēndr-ā-

*Second plate; second side.*

- [<sup>107</sup>] yatanam bhakty-ākārayat=su-manōharam || Prōttunga-prāsādam Tribhuvana-  
 tilakam Ji-  
 [<sup>108</sup>] nālayam pravaram nānā-stambha-samoddhṛita-virājamānam chiram jagati || Śaka-nrip-  
 ābdēshv=ō-  
 [<sup>109</sup>] kādaś-ōttarēshu chatuś-śatēshu vyatītēshu Vibhava-samvatsarē pravartitamānō || Kṛitō cha  
 Jināla-  
 [<sup>110</sup>] yē | Vaiśākḥ-ōdita-pūrṇa-punya-divasō Rāhō(hau) vidhan(dhōr) maṇḍalam  
 ślēshēndērtthika<sup>1</sup>-majjanād=u-  
 [<sup>111</sup>] pagata(tam) anēhād-griham bhūbhujam Śrī-Satyāśrayam=āśrayam guṇavatām vijñāpayā-  
 [<sup>112</sup>] m=āsa sa taj-Jainālaya-pūjan-ōchita-nuta-kshētrāya dharmma-priyā(yah) || Āyu-  
 [<sup>113</sup>] r=jjanmavatām=idam nana tadi(di)t-sandhy-ēndrāchāp-ōpamaṁ jñātvā dharmma-ma(dha)na-  
 ārijjanam budha-ja-  
 [<sup>114</sup>] nair-mmārtya(rtyai)h=phalaṁ maṇyatō ity-ēvam pravibōdhya sabhya-janaṁām Satyāśrayō  
 vallabhō bha-  
 [<sup>115</sup>] ktyā taj-Jina-mandir-ōpama-kṛiyō kshētram dadau āśanam || Vaiśākḥa-paurṇamāsyām  
 Rāhau vi-  
 [<sup>116</sup>] dhu-maṇḍala(lam) pravishṭavati Śrī-Satyāśraya-nripatis=tribhuvana-tīlakāya dattavā[n\*]  
 kshētram ||  
 [<sup>117</sup>] Kanakōpaḷa-sambhūta-vṛiksha-Mūlagap-a(ā)nvayō bhūtas=samagra-rāddhāntas=Siddha-  
 nandi-mu-  
 [<sup>118</sup>] n-īvarah || Tasy-āsīt=prathamās=śishyō dēvatā-vinuta-kramah śishyāḥ=pañcha-satair-  
 yukta-

*Third plate; first side.*

- [<sup>119</sup>] ś-Chitak-āchāryya-sa(sam)jñitah || Śrīmat-Kākōpaḷ-āmnāyō khyāta-kirttir=bahu-śrutah  
 lakshmivā-  
 [<sup>120</sup>] n=Nāgadēv-ākhyas=Chitak-āchāryya-dīkshitah || Nāgadēva-gurōś=śishyāḥ=prabhūta-guṇa-  
 vāridhiḥ  
 [<sup>121</sup>] samasta-śāstra-sambōdhi(dhī) Jinanandih=prakirtitah || Śrīmad-vividha-rājēndra-  
 praspḥuran-makut-ā-  
 [<sup>122</sup>] libhiḥ nighṛishṭa-charaṇ-ābjāya prabhavō Jinanandinō || Jinanandy-āchāryya-sūryyā-  
 [<sup>123</sup>] ya duśchara-tapō-viśēsha-nikashōpaḷa-bhūṭāya samadhigata-sarvva-śāstrāya naga-  
 [<sup>124</sup>] rāma=taḷa-bhōgāś=cha pradadau [!]\* Tatra taḷa-bhōga-simāny-āha [!]\* Chaityālayād-  
 vāyavyām  
 [<sup>125</sup>] diśi tatākam tatō rjū-sūtra-kramōṇa pāśchim-ābhimukham gatvā patham tasya madhyē  
 [<sup>126</sup>] nikhāta-pāshāṇam tasmad=dakshīṇ-ābhimukham-anu-patham gatvā pravāham tasyam(sya)  
 madhyē nikhāta-pā-  
 [<sup>127</sup>] shāṇam pūrvv-ābhimukham gatvā tīntriṅka-vṛikshaṁ yāvut-tasmād=uttar-ābhimukham  
 gatvā pūrvv-ō-

<sup>1</sup> Probably the correct reading should be ślēshē nortthika-majjanād.



- [<sup>88</sup>] kta-taṭākaṁ | yāvat=sthitam ētan=nagara-nivēśana-kshētram ([I \*]) Tatra taḷa-bhōga-  
kshētra-sīmāny=āha ([I \*])  
[<sup>89</sup>] Nagarasya dakṣiṇasyām diśi sētu-bandhāt=prabhṛity=anu-jala-vāhaṁ pūrvv-  
ābhimukham ga-  
[<sup>90</sup>] tvā yāvud=anūchhika-kshētram tat-pāschima-sīmni nikhāta-pāshāpam yāvat=tasmād-  
anu-sīm=ō-

*Third plate; second side.*

- [<sup>91</sup>] ttar-ābhimukham gatvā yāvach=chhami-valmikaṁ tasmāt=punah=pūrvv-ābhimukham  
gatvā yāvat  
[<sup>92</sup>] sthala-giri tasmāt=punar=anu-giryy=uttar-ābhimukham gatvā yāvud=girēr=ochcha-  
pradēśam tasmāt  
[<sup>93</sup>] pāschim-ābhimukham gatvā yāvud=giri tasmāt=pāschim-ābhimukham gatvā yāvat=  
ta(stha)ḷa-giri  
[<sup>94</sup>] tasmād=dakṣiṇ-ābhimukham gatvā yāvat=sētu-bandhana(naḥ) sthitam rāja-mānēna  
pamchāsat u(sc.°śad-u)ttara-  
[<sup>95</sup>] nivarttana-śatam taḷa-bhōga-kshētram chatas-simā-viruddham || Narindaka-nāma-  
grāma(mē) nairṛityām  
[<sup>96</sup>] diśi Narindaka-Sāmarivāda(ḍa)-grāma-pathi madhya-vartti-Simṣatēga-taṭāka-  
[<sup>97</sup>] d=riju-sūtra-kramēṇa Narindaka-grāma-patham yāvat=tāvat=sthitam chatvārimśat  
[<sup>98</sup>] ni(sc.°śan-ni)varrttanam kshētram dakṣiṇa-diśi rāja-mānēna || Kīṇayige-nāma-grāmē pū-  
[<sup>99</sup>] rvvasyām diśi aśiti-nivarttanam kshētram rāja-mānēna Piśāch-ārāmam=nairṛityām  
[<sup>100</sup>] diśi yāvach=chham i-jhāṭa-valmikaṁ tasmāt=pūrvv-ābhimukham gatvā yāvat=patham  
tasmā-  
[<sup>101</sup>] dakṣiṇ-ābhimukham gatvā yāvat=sthala-giri tasmāt=pāschim-ābhimukham=anu-stha-  
[<sup>102</sup>] ḷa-giri gatvā yāvach=chhami-sthalaṁ tasmād=uttar-ābhimukham gatvā yāvach=chha-  
[<sup>103</sup>] mi-jhāṭa-valmikaṁ sthitam chatas-simā-viruddham || Pantiganage-nāma-grāmē

*Fourth plate; first side.*

- [<sup>104</sup>] nairṛityām diśi mānyasya kshētra uttarasyām diśi chatvārimśat(n)-nivarttanam kshētram  
rāja-mā-  
[<sup>105</sup>] nēna pāschimām(masyām) diśi sthala-giri tasmād=anu-simam pūrvv-ābhimukham gatvā  
yāvach=chhami-  
[<sup>106</sup>] valmikaṁ tasmād=dakṣiṇ-ābhimukham gatvā Kōmarameche-grāma-sima tasmāt=pū-  
[<sup>107</sup>] rvv-ābhimukham=anu-simam gatvā yāvaj=jala-vāhaṁ tasmād=uttar-ābhimukham=a-  
[<sup>108</sup>] nu-vāhaṁ gatvā yāvach=chhami-jhāṭa-valmikaṁ tasmāt=pāschim-ābhimukham gatvā  
tasmād=dakṣiṇ-ābhimukham=anu-sthala-giri  
[<sup>109</sup>] yāvat=taṭāka-ōttara-kōḍi(Pṭi)  
[<sup>110</sup>] gatvā yāvat=tāvat=sthitam chatas-simā-viruddham || Maṅgali-nāma-grāma-  
[<sup>111</sup>] pāschima-diśi rāja-mānēna chatvārimśat(n)-nivarttanam kshētram tasya simā  
[<sup>112</sup>] ny=āha sthala-girēr=pāschim-ābhimukham=anu-patham gatvā yāvud=Rūvika-grāma-si-  
[<sup>113</sup>] ma tasmād=uttar-ābhimukham=anu-sima gatvā yāvat=sthala-giri tasmāt=pūrvv-ābhi-  
[<sup>114</sup>] mukham=anu-sthala-giri gatvā yāvat=sthala-giri tasmād=dakṣiṇ-ābhimukham=  
anu-  
[<sup>115</sup>] sthala-giri gatvā sthitam chatas-simā-va(vi)ruddham || Karandige-nāma-  
grāma(mē) pa-

*Fourth plate; second side.*

- [<sup>116</sup>] śchimsasyām diśi Chandavura-Pandarūgavalli-nāma-grāma-mārgga-madhyē aśvattha-  
[<sup>117</sup>] taṭāka(kāḍ) vāyavyām diśi rāja-mānēna pañcha-viṁśati-nivarttanam kshētram ||  
[<sup>118</sup>] Dāvanavalli-nāma-grāma(mē) pāschimsasyām diśi Alaktaka-nagara-Kumba-  
[<sup>119</sup>] yija-nāma-grāma-mārgga-madhyē Bimbālaya-Piśāch-ārāmāt=pāschimē rā-  
[<sup>120</sup>] ja-mānēna chatvārimśat(n)-nivarttanam kshētram || Punar=api tasmim=ēva grāma(mē)  
dakṣi-

- [<sup>11</sup>] nasyām diśi Himgaṇi-taṭākād=uttara-samipa-sṭhaṁ rāja-mānēna śa-  
 [<sup>12</sup>] taṁ ni(so. śata-nī)varṭtanam kshētraṁ || Nandinige-nāma-grāma(mē) pūrvvasyām  
 diśi Bara-  
 [<sup>13</sup>] valika-sīma-Śrīpura-mārgga-madhyē rājamānēna chatvārimśat(n)-nivarṭtanam kshētraṁ ||  
 [<sup>14</sup>] Śrīputti-nāma-grāma(mē) paśchimasyām diśi Śrīpura-mārggatō dakṣiṇatō rāja-  
 [<sup>15</sup>] mānēna chatvārimśat(n)-nivarṭtanam kshētraṁ || Arjunavāda(da)-nāma-grāma(mē) pa-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] śchimasyām diśi Śrīpura-mārggatō uttaratō rāja-mānēna pañchāśat(n)-niva-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] rṭtanam kshētraṁ || Grāma-nāmāny=āha || Kumbayija-dvādaśasy=ō(ā)ntaḥ Rūvikō nāma

## Fifth plate.

- [<sup>18</sup>] grāmāḥ prathamāḥ || Sāmarivādo(dō) nāma grāmāḥ dvitīyāḥ || [Badhamā]o-dvādaśasy=āntaḥ  
 [<sup>19</sup>] Latṭivādō(dō) nāma grāmāḥ tri(tri)tīyāḥ || Śrīpura-dvādaśasya madhyē Pellidakō nāma  
 [<sup>20</sup>] grāmāḥ chaturthāḥ || Ity=ētō chatvārō grāmāḥ chatas-simā-va(vi)ruddha-kshētraḥ  
 [<sup>21</sup>] sōdramāgāḥ sa(so)parikarūḥ a-chāṭa-bhāṭa-pravṛṣyāḥ [|\*] Tad=āgāmibhir=asmad-vaṁ-  
 [<sup>22</sup>] syuir=anyais=cha rājabbhir=āyur=aisvaryaḥ(dī\*)na(nā)m=bi(vi)lāsitaṁ=achhiraśaśa-chaṁ-  
 [<sup>23</sup>] chaḥam(la)m=avagachchadbhir=ā-chandr-ārka-dhar-ārṇava-sṭhiti-samā(ma)kālā(lam)  
 yaśam(śa)ś=chi-  
 [<sup>24</sup>] chi(chi)shabbhiḥ ava-dattī-nirvviśeṣhaṁ paripālaniyam=aktaṁ cha Manv-ādibhiḥ ||  
 [<sup>25</sup>] Bahubhir=vvasudhā bhuktā rājabbhiś(s)=Śa(sa)ka(gṛ)r-ādibhir=yyasya yasya yadā  
 bhūmiḥ(miḥ) tasya  
 [<sup>26</sup>] tasya tadā phalaṁ | Svam dātum sumahad(ch)-śa(chha)kyam dukkham=anyatra(sya)  
 pālanam dānam vā pāḷa-  
 [<sup>27</sup>] nam śrēyō śrēyō dānasya pālanam || Sva-dattam(tām) para-dattam(tām) vā yō  
 harēti(ta) va-  
 [<sup>28</sup>] sundharām shashtīm varaha-sahasraṇi viśṭhāyām jāyatō krimiḥ ||

## Translation.

Hail! Victorious are the pure particles of pollen of the lotuses which are the feet of the Arhat Mahāvīra<sup>2</sup>,—which are the sole bridge for crossing from bank to bank of (the ocean of) endless existence!

The son of Jayasīma, —that lion of a king, who adorned the family of the Chālukyas, who are glorious, and who are of the lineage of Mānavya which is praised over the whole earth, and who are the descendants of Hārīti, and who have been nourished by seven mothers who are the seven mothers of mankind, and who have attained an uninterrupted continuity of prosperity by the protection of Kārttikāya, and who have had all kings made subject to them on the instant at the sight of the sign of the Boar which they acquired through the favour of the holy Nārāyaṇa; and who acquired the earth by his own arm; and who had kings bowed down before him by simply hearing of his fame; and who irradiated the intermediate spaces of the regions with the banner that was his fame,—was Raṇarāga, of true yet pleasing speech, whose hands were moistened by his ceaseless

charities, thus resembling the elephant of the gods, whose trunk is moistened by the ceaseless flow of his rut; who, like an austere devotee, was the receptacle of tranquillity; and who acquired a fondness for war against his proud enemies.

And while his son, the favourite of the world, the Great King, the supreme king, who was named Satyāśraya-Śrī-Palakēśi,—whose body was purified by ablutions performed after celebrating horse-sacrifices; and whose beautiful feet, which were like lotuses, were cleansed by the trickling drops of water which were the rays of the many sparkling jewels that were set in the diadems of the hostile kings who bowed down before him; and who drove away the troops of elephants of his enemies by a very lion of a horse that was named Chitrakaṇṭha; and who was intent on preserving all the regulations of the (four) classes and the (four) stages of life; and who was the supreme lord of the country lying between the (river) Gaṅgā and the Bridge (of Rāma); and whose mighty universal sovereignty was increased by (his possession of) the three regal attributes; and who possessed

<sup>2</sup> The last of the twenty-four Jain teachers of the present age.



the signs of the banners of the Gaṅgā and the Yamunā and the sword-edge, and the five great sounds of the *Dadaka*<sup>2</sup> and other (musical instruments); and who made the kings of Chōḷa and Chēra and Kēraḷa and Siṃhala and Kaṭiṅga to pay tribute; and who punished the Pāṇḍya and other chieftains; and whose commands were unresisted,—was governing the earth under one umbrella;—

There was a king named Goṇḍa, who was the moon of the family of Raudranīla-Saindraka, and whose scimitar was adorned by his mighty arm. His son,—who was endowed with good fortune and skill in polity and modesty, and who delighted in the flavour of war,—was renowned by the appellation of Sivāra. His son was the truthful and pious Sāmiyāra, who was the forehead-ornament of the earth,—who attacked the assemblage of his enemies with his prowess,—who was possessed of bravery that could not be withstood,—who was well versed in what things should be done and what should not be done,—and who was the servant of him, (*Putakāśi*), as Hanūmān (*was the servant*) of Rāma.

Having acquired the district of Kaṇḥuṇḍi through his favour,—while governing it, he, who was as glorious as Mahēndra, in his piety caused to be made an excellent and large and very charming temple, a shrine of Jinēndra, in the east quarter, in the city which was named Alaktaka and was included in that (district); and which was the chief town of (a circle of) seven hundred villages; and which was the glory of the whole district; and which abounded in *śāli*-rice and *orīṇi*-rice and groves of sugar-canes and chick-peas and *priyangu*-plants and *caraka*-beans and *uḍṛaka*-grain and *hydndka*-grain and wheat and many other kinds of grain; and which shone like the lotus which is the fan of the lovely woman which is that district; and which was full of husbandmen who abounded in wealth and grain.

The excellent shrine of Jina (which was thus constructed),—that very lofty temple, (*namely*) 'the ornament of the three worlds', decorated with many columns,—(*endures*) for a long time in the world.

And this shrine of Jina having been built,—when four centuries and eleven (*years*) had elapsed in the years of the Śaka king; while the Vibhava *saṃvatsara* was current; on the holy day of the full (moon) of (*the month*) Vaiśākha; when Rāhu had closed upon the orb of the moon, . . . . .\*,—he, who was fond of religion, asked the king, Śri-Satyāśraya, the asylum of virtuous people, who through friendship had come to his house, for a field fit for the worship of that shrine of Jina.

Having known that the life of those that are born is (*transient*) like the lightning and the evening rainbow, and having impressed on his courtiers that the acquisition of religion and wealth is esteemed the (*only true*) reward by wise people, who are but mortal,—the lord Satyāśraya in his piety bestowed a field (*and*) a charter, worthy of that shrine of Jina. On the day of the full-moon of (*the month*) Vaiśākha, when Rāhu had entered the orb of the moon,—the king, Śri-Satyāśraya, gave a field to 'the ornament of the three worlds.'

In the lineage of the (*sect called*) Mūlagāṇa, a tree which sprang from Kannakāpalā<sup>3</sup>, there was born that lord of saints, Siddha-nandi, who possessed (a knowledge of) all demonstrated truths. His first disciple was Chitakāchārya, whose observances were praised by the gods, and who was attended by five hundred disciples. He, whose name was Nāga-dēva,—who was renowned in the traditions of the glorious Kākōpaḷa; and who possessed much (*knowledge of*) sacred lore; and who enjoyed good fortune,—was initiated by Chitakāchārya. The disciple of the preceptor Nāga-dēva was the famous Jinanandi, who was a very ocean of meritorious qualities, and who was acquainted with all the sacred writings.

To the excellent master Jinanandi, whose feet, which were as lotuses, were shaded by the glittering diadems of many glorious kings, (*who bowed down before him*),—to Jinanandi, a very sun among *Āchāryas*, who was the touchstone by which to test the value of penances that were hard to be performed, and

<sup>2</sup> I do not find this word in the dictionaries. But Monier Williams gives *dhakka*, 'a large or double drum'; and Sandercock gives the same, and also *dhaka*, *dhāki*, or *dhake*, 'a small drum, shaped like an hour-glass.'

\* *Nārthika-majjanti*, or perhaps *anārthika-majjanti*, l. 30; meaning not apparent.

<sup>3</sup> This must be the founder of the sect.

who had mastered all the sacred writings,—he gave towns and the enjoyment of sites of land.

There he declares the boundaries of the (*right of*) enjoyment of sites of land.—On the north-west of the *Chaitya*-hall, there is a tank. Going in a straight line to the west from there, there is the road, in the middle of which there is a stone set up. Going to the south from that, along the road, there is a stream, in the middle of which there is a stone set up. Going to the east (*from that*), as far as a tamarind-tree, and then going to the north, there is the tank mentioned above. That which is thus situated is the field of the entrance of the village.

There he declares the boundaries of the fields (*which are the objects of the right*) of enjoyment of sites of land.—Starting from the bridge on the south of the city and going along the stream to the east as far as the gleaning-field, on the west boundary of it there is a stone set up. From that, going along the boundary to the north, there is an ant-hill near a *śamī*-tree. From that, again, going to the east, there is the *sthaḷa-giri*.<sup>a</sup> From that, again, going to the north along the hill, there is the high part of the hill. From that, going to the west as far as the hill (*extends*), and then to the west as far as the *sthaḷa-giri*, and then to the south, (*we come to the place where*) the bridge stands. (*Thus is constituted*) the field (*which is the object of the right*) of enjoyment of a site of land, (*measuring*) one hundred and fifty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, and encompassed by its four boundaries.

At the village of *Narindaka*, in the south-west quarter, (*there was given*) a field, (*of the measure of*) forty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, in the south quarter, encompassed by its four boundaries, and constituted (*by a boundary-line drawn*) up to the road to the village of *Narindaka* in a straight line from the *Simgaṭṭega* tank, which is in the centre of the roads to the villages of *Narindaka* and *Samarivāḍa*.

At the village of *Kiṇayige*, in the east quarter, (*there was given*) a field (*of the measure of*) eighty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, encompassed by its four boundaries, and lying thus:—At the south-west of the grove of the

*Piśācha*,<sup>b</sup> there is an ant-hill at a clump of *śamī*-trees. From that, going to the east as far as the road, and then to the south as far as the *sthaḷa-giri*, and then to the west, along the *sthaḷa-giri* as far as the place of the *śamī*-trees, and then to the north, (*we come*) to the ant-hill at the clump of *śamī*-trees.

At the village of *Pantigaṇage*, in the south-west quarter, and in the northern quarter of the *mānya*-field, (*there was given*) a field, (*of the measure of*) forty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, encompassed by its four boundaries and constituted thus:—On the west there is the *sthaḷa-giri*. Going along the boundary to the east from that, as far as the ant-hill near a *śamī*-tree, and from that to the south as far as the boundaries of the village of *Kṣmarāñche*, and from there along the boundary to the east as far as the stream, and from that along the stream to the north as far as an ant-hill near a clump of *śamī*-trees, and from that to the west as far as the northern weir<sup>c</sup> of the tank, and from that to the south along the *sthaḷa-giri*.

In the west quarter of the village of *Māṅgali* (*there was given*) a field, (*of the measure of*) forty *nivartanas* by the royal measure. He declares the boundaries of it. Going to the west from the *sthaḷa-giri* along the road as far as the boundary of the village of *Rūvika*, and from there to the north along the boundary as far as the *sthaḷa-giri*, and from there to the east along the *sthaḷa-giri* as far as the *sthaḷa-giri* (*extends*), and from there to the south along the *sthaḷa-giri*,—(*thus is it*) situated, and encompassed by its four boundaries.

In the village of *Karandige*, in the west quarter, (*there was given*) a field, (*of the measure of*) twenty-five *nivartanas* by the royal measure, on the north-west of the tank of the *śivathā*-tree between the roads to the villages of *Chandavura* and *Pandarūgavaḷḷi*.

In the village of *Dāvanavaḷḷi*, in the west quarter, (*there was given*) a field (*of the measure of*) forty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, on the west of the grove of the *Piśācha*, *Bimbāḷaya*, between the roads to the city of *Alaktaka* and the village of *Kumbayija*. And again, in that same village, in the south quarter, (*there was given*) a

<sup>a</sup> *Sthaḷa-giri*, 'a hill on the plain', perhaps denotes one of those isolated masses of heaped-up boulders that are to be found all over the black-soil fields in the eastern part of the *Dakṣiṇa* District, and probably still further inland.

<sup>b</sup> The name of a class of demons.

<sup>c</sup> If the reading is *kṣṣi*, it is the Canarese word meaning a 'weir, outlet of a tank.' If the reading is *kṣṣi*, the translation will be "the northern edge, i.e. tank."



field (*of the measure of*) one hundred *nivartanas* by the royal measure, situated close to the north of the *Hingutl* tank.

In the village of *Nandinige*, in the east quarter, (*there was given*) a field (*of the measure of*) forty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, between the boundary of (*the village of*) *Barnavulika* and the road to (*the village of*) *Śrīpura*.

In the village of *Śiripattī*, in the west quarter, (*there was given*) a field (*of the measure of*) forty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, to the south of the road to (*the village of*) *Śrīpura*.

In the village of *Arjunavāḍa*, in the west quarter, (*there was given*) a field (*of the measure of*) fifty *nivartanas* by the royal measure, to the north of the road to the village of *Śrīpura*.

He declares the names of the villages.—The first village is *Rūvika*, in the *Kumbayija* Twelve. The second village is *Sāmarivāḍa*. The third village is *Lattivāḍa*, in the *Badhamāḷe* Twelve. The fourth village is *Pellidaka*, in the *Śrīpura* Twelve. These four villages (*were given*), together with their fields encompassed by the four boundaries, and with the *udraṅga* and the *aparikara*, and not to be entered by irregular or regular troops.\*

This grant should be preserved as long as the moon and the sun and the earth and the ocean endure, just as if it were a grant made by themselves, by future kings, desirous of acquiring fame, whether they are of my lineage, or whether they are others,—bearing in mind that the charms of life and riches, &c. are as transient as the lightning! And it has been said by *Maṇu* and others:—Land has been enjoyed by many kings, commencing with *Sagara*; (&c.)! It is very easy to give one's own property, but the preservation of (*the grant of*) another is difficult, (&c.)! He is born as a worm in ordure for the duration of sixty thousand years, (&c.)!

No. XLV.

Sir Walter Elliot's date of Śaka 514 (A.D. 592-3) or 515 for the accession of the Western Chalukya king *Vikramāditya I.* is based on a copper-plate grant, said to have been discovered in digging the foundations of the house of a *Kuḷkarnī* at *Kertakōṭi* in the *Gadag Talukā* of the *Dhārwad District*, and

presented by him to the Royal Asiatic Society. In the genealogy at *Jour. Madr. Br. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. VII., p. 199, he gives Śaka 514 as the commencement of his reign. In describing the grant, at *id.*, p. 201, he writes, "It bears date the thirty-second [year] of his reign, Śaka 530; and his accession is thus fixed as having occurred in [Śaka] 515." The first part of this statement is owing to some confusion on the part of his Pandit in interpreting the date. In a footnote to the latter passage, he speaks of it again, and as being dated "in Śaka 530, on the eighth day of the sixteenth royal victorious year." Dr. Burnell, again, has given the first side of this grant as Plate xxii. in his *South-Indian Palaeography*, and, in transcribing it, at p. 87, has entered the date as A.D. 608, which would be Śaka 530. The real date, as will be seen from the facsimile and transcription, ll. 20-21, is "when Śaka 532 had expired, in the sixteenth year of his victorious reign."

I have obtained the original plates to edit from. Only two plates are forthcoming; the third, probably the last, is missing. They are rather thick plates, not very regularly shaped, and with several flaws in the copper; they measure about 12" long by 5½" broad. They have a peculiarly high and broad raised rim to protect the writing. The ring connecting them had been cut before it came into my hands; it is about ½" thick, and 3½" in diameter. The seal, which is very massive, is square,—about 1½" each way: it has the representation of a bear facing to the proper left, with the sun and moon above it. Through some mistake the seal properly belonging to the grant of *Rājarāja II.* has been printed off with the facsimile of these plates. A facsimile of the right seal will be supplied hereafter.

It is unnecessary to offer a full translation of so inaccurate and mixed-up a document as this is; and there are, in fact, several passages in it of which no sense can be made at all. I shall confine myself to giving an abstract of its contents. Down to the commencement of the details of the alleged grant, in l. 20, it follows, or rather tries to follow, the corresponding portion of the other copper-plate inscription of *Vikramāditya I.* already published, No. XXVIII. of this Series, at Vol. VI., p. 75. It

\* *A-chāṭa-bhāṭa-pravṛṭṭhā*. The meaning of this term is disputed. I follow the translation given by Dr. Bühler at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 71.

first mentions Pulikēśi I. or Polekēśi-Vallabha, as he is here called; then his son, Kīrttivarmā I.; then Satyāśraya, i.e. Pulikēśi II., the son of Kīrttivarmā I.; and finally Vikramāditya-Satyāśraya, or Vikramāditya I., the son of Pulikēśi II. It then purports to record that, when five centuries and thirty-two years of the Śaka era had expired, on Sunday, the day of the new-moon between the months Vaiśākha (April-May) and Jyāishtha (May-June), under the constellations Rōhiṇī and the Great Bear, when the sun was in the sign of the Bull, and at the time of a total<sup>10</sup> eclipse of the sun, Vikramāditya I., in the sixteenth year of his reign, while residing at the city of Kisuvoḷal,<sup>11</sup> bestowed upon Raviśarmā of the sect called Basari-saṃgha and the Agastya-gotra, the son of Jayaśarmā who was the son of Mādhavaśarmā, the village of Kūratākūṭe,<sup>12</sup> which was in the Bejvola country and in the centre of the seven villages of Beneyitavura, Anṇigere, Itṭage, Paṇḍi, Mugūḷi, Paranti, and Muḷgunda.

According to this inscription, therefore, the reign of Vikramāditya I. commenced in Śaka 516 or 517.

But I reject it entirely, as a forgery and of no authority, on the following grounds.—1, The date is completely at variance with the dates of all the other early Western Chalukya inscriptions. For, Pulikēśi II., the father of Vikramāditya I., commenced to reign in Śaka 531 or 532, as in No. XXVII. of this Series, at Vol. VI., p. 72, and was still reigning in Śaka 556. And Vinayāditya, the son of Vikramāditya I., commenced to reign in Śaka 600 or 601, by Nos. XXIX., XXX., and XXXI., at Vol. VI., pp. 85, 88, and 91, and by the Fourth Part of No. XXXIX., at p. 111 above, which is probably dated in the seventh year of his reign. And Vijayāditya, the son of Vinayāditya, commenced to reign in Śaka 617, 618, or 619, by the Second Part of No. XXXIX., and by three unpublished inscriptions that I have in hand. And Vikramāditya II., the son of Vijayāditya, commenced to reign in Śaka 654 or 655, by the Third Part of No.

XXXVIII., at p. 101 above.—2, As in the case of the forged grant of Pulikēśi I., published immediately above, the name of the dynasty is spelt, in l. 4, 'Chālukhya', sc. 'Chālukya', with the vowel of the first syllable long.—3, The word *ba-trishā*, 'thirty-second', used in expressing the date, is a hybrid word, part Prakṛit and part Sanskrit, and I have not found an analogous instance of such a word in any other early grant.—4, Whereas Śaka 532 is A.D. 610-11, Mr. Burgess informs me, as the result of calculation, that no solar eclipse did occur, on the date given, in A.D. 610, 611, or 612.—5, The language and orthography are far more inaccurate than I have ever yet found to be the case in any other grant of early date. But this, of course, might by chance be due to the ignorance or carelessness of a copyist or the engraver.—And finally, 6, In the letters *ja*, except in l. 1, and *ga* and *ka*, an attempt is made to imitate the ancient forms. But, with this exception, the characters are fully developed Old Canarese characters of at least the ninth or tenth century A.D. And I have to draw especial attention to the fact that, except in the words *paramēśvara*, once in l. 7 and twice in l. 8, and *turamgama*, in l. 9, there is used for the letter *ma* a character which, with the corresponding forms of *ya* and *va*, is purely medieval. The earliest genuine instance in which I have found this form of the *ma* used is the copper-plate grant of the Rāshtrakūṭa king Gōvinda III. spoken of above,—e.g., in *para-dattam=ba*, sc. *para-dattam va*, l. 14, Pl. II. b. The corresponding forms of *ya* and *va*,—the former, however, not very clear,—may be seen in the Munōji stone-tablet inscription, Pl. LXXIV. of Mr. Burgess' *Second Report*, in *Baḷligeroyal*, l. 55, and *Baṇnivāral*, l. 56.

After rejecting the present plates, we have no dated inscription of the time of Vikramāditya I. Consequently, and because we do not know how long his father, Pulikēśi II., continued to reign, and whether his elder brother, Chandraditya, did actually reign or not, his date cannot be determined with much certainty. I would place him, however, somewhere about Śaka 580 (A.D. 658-9). We have not to search far, I think, for the reason

<sup>10</sup> The literal reading in the text is *aravandā(ś)-bhātā*, 'lasting for a whole month.' This, of course, is only a mistake for *aravandāi-bhātā*, 'swallowing or engulfing all', which is the usual expression for a total eclipse.

<sup>11</sup> The Puṭṭā-Kisuvoḷal of other inscriptions, and the modern Puṭṭadakal on the banks of the Malaprabhā in the Bédāni Taluk of the Kalāṅgi District.

<sup>12</sup> The modern Kūratkōṭi.









why there is no dated inscription of his time, and why probably none such will be found. For, as I have previously had occasion to point out, Nos. XXVIII. to XXXI. of this Series indicate very plainly that, after Pulikēśī II., the succession was interrupted by the hostility of the Pallavas of Kāñchi, and by a confederacy of the three kings of Chōla and Pāṇḍya and Kērola, and that, at least, Vikramāditya I. did not immediately succeed his father, but was ousted for a time. The authority of him and of his elder brother,

Chandrāditya, must have been confined, at the best, to the country of the Koṅkaṣas. Both Vikramāditya I., and his son, carried on the war against these enemies. But, though Vikramāditya I. seems to have been to a certain extent successful, it was probably not till the time of Vinayāditya that the Western Chalukya power was thoroughly restored, and the kingdom consolidated again, in such a way that the head of it could refer to any specific date as the commencement of his reign.

*Transcription.*

*First plate.*

- [<sup>1</sup>] Jayaty-āvishkṛitām Vishṇōr-vvārāha(ham) kshōpi(bhī)t-āraṇyavan-dakṣiṇ-ōnṇata-  
draṇ(ḍaṇ)shtr-āgrāṇ(gro)-viśrāntām(ṇta)-bhuvanaṇ vapuḥ [||\*] Śrīmatām so-  
[<sup>2</sup>] kaḷa-bhuvana-[sam\*]jathāyamaṇa-Mānavya-sagōtrīṇām Hārīti-putrāṇām sapta-16[ka\*]-  
mātṛibhis-sapta-mātṛibhir-abhiva-  
[<sup>3</sup>] rddhitāṇām Kūrtti(rti)kēya-parirakṣhaṇa-prāpta-kalyāṇa-paramparāṇa=Nārāyaṇa-prasāda-  
sama(mā)sādītāṇām(ec.\*sādita)-varāha-lāṇcha(ohha)-  
[<sup>4</sup>] u-ēkshaṇa-kshaṇa-vaśa-vaśikṛit-āśēśha-mahābhītanām(ec.\*bhītan) Chāṇakhyā(kyā)nām  
kulam=alanakavishṇōr=śvāmēdh-āvana-padōpadō Gaṅgā-ja-  
[<sup>5</sup>] la-śnāṇa-pavitrikṛita-ghā(gā)trasya Śrī-Polekēśī(śi)-Vallabha-mahārāj-ādī(dhī)rāja-  
paramēśvara-paramabhāṭṭāraka[aya\*] [pautrasya\*] para(rā)-  
[<sup>6</sup>] kram-a(ā)krānta-Ba(va)nava(vā)sy-ādī(di)-para-nṛpati-maṇḍala-praṇī(ṇi)haddha-viśuddha-  
[kirttēh\*] Kirtti(rti)varmma-śrī-pritha(thi)vallabha-mahārāj-a(ā)-  
[<sup>7</sup>] di(dhī)rāja-paramēśvara-paramabhāṭṭāraka[aya\*] putrah(trasya) samara-samēśa(sa)kta-  
saka]-ōttara(rā)path-ēśvara-Śrī-Harisha(harsha)varddhana-parāj-  
[<sup>8</sup>] y-ōpalabha-paramēśvara-parama-nāmadhēyasya Satyāśraya-śrī-pritha(thi)vallabha-  
mahārāj-ādī(dhī)rāja-paramē-  
[<sup>9</sup>] śvarasya pṛi(pri)ya-tanayaḥ Chitrakaṇ(a)ṇtha-pravara-taraṅgamēṇ-aikēṇ-niva  
pratitā(prēritō?) nēka-samara-mukhō ripu-nṛpati-ro-  
[<sup>10</sup>] dhira-jala-svādana-rasa-nāya-māna-jvalana-niśita-nistṛiṇśa-dhārī(ra)ya(yā) da(a)vabhṛita-  
dharapīdhara-bhu-

*Second plate; first side.*

- [<sup>11</sup>] jaṅga-bhōga-sadrīśa-nija-bhaja-vijita-vija(ji)gishu(shuḥ) ātma-kavachā-  
navady(ec. magh)-ānēka-praha(hā)rah sva-guṇa-śrī(śrī)yā(ya)m-avani-  
[<sup>12</sup>] pati-tritay-āntarita(tā)m=āta(tma)sāta(ikṛi)tya kṛit-ē(ai)ka(kā)lhiśbhīti-a(ā)śēśha-rājya-  
cha(bha)rah tasmā rājya-trayō(yō) rapa-si(śi)vasi ripu-narōndra(ādrāṇ) di-  
[<sup>13</sup>] śi [diśi\*] jivā sa(sva)-varṇśa-lakṣmīṇ(kahmīṇ) prāpta[vān\*] paramēśvaranā(tā)m=  
a[ni\*]dhā(vā)rita-Vikramādityam=(tyah) [||\*] =a(A)pi ta(cha)  
mṛidita-Narasīngha(ha)-yaśōśā(yasāś) vibhita-Ma-  
[<sup>14</sup>] hēndra-pratāpa-vilayōṇa nayana-vijit-ēśvara-raṇa-pragūṇa-Śrī-Vallabhēna jita(tab) kṛita-  
Pallav-āvamarddana(nō) dakṣiṇā(ṇa)-dit(g)-ya-  
[<sup>15</sup>] vatim=āpta[vān\*] Kamech-śa-kayōnvaśōmasirvayāṇ=api satarāṇ Śrī-vallabhatvam=  
itah vabati śramalavanto  
[<sup>16</sup>] rē(ra)ṇa-rasika-śrīyāgarupara-skandha(udh) yō rājamalla-śō(śa)bdā-vibhita-rasā-Pallava-  
kala-nāśah [||\*] Darilāṅgha(gbha)-  
[<sup>17</sup>] dasva(sta)ra-vinē(bhē)da-visāla-śāla(lā) daruṇāṇa(durggōḍha)-dasīha(sta)ra-brihat-  
paripita(parikhā)-pari(rī)tā [a\*]bhā(grā)hō yēṇa Jayatēśvara-pōta-rāja-

- [<sup>13</sup>] Kamch=ivara(*sc.* iṅa) dakshina-diśah kshitiṇṇa [kāṁchi\*] [||\*] Vikram-a(ā)krānta-  
sakala-mahimaṇḍal-ādi(dhi)rājya(jyō) Vikramāditya-Śatyā-  
[<sup>14</sup>] śrō(śra)ya-śrī-prithu(ṭhi)vivallabha-mahārāj-ādi(dhi)rāja-paramēśvara(rah) sarvva-m=eva  
ājñā-

*Second plate ; second side.*

- [<sup>15</sup>] paynti [ | \*] Viditam=asta sō(vō) amābhi(bhih) ba-trimē-ōttara-paṁcha-śatēshu  
Sa(śa)ka-varshēshv=ā(a)tūtēshu vijaya-rājya-  
[<sup>16</sup>] samba(mva)chcha(tsa)ra-shōsha(ḍa)śa-varshē pravartitamāna(nō) Kisaṇvajal-mahā-  
nagara(rō) vikhyāta(tō) sthitvā tasya Vaiśākha-Jē(jyā)shthā(shṭha)-māsa-ma-  
[<sup>17</sup>] dhyam-a(ā)ma(mā)vāsa(syā)-Bhāskara-dinē Rōhiṇya Rī(Rōhiṇy-Rī)kshē madhy-āhna-  
kālē Vikra[mā]dityasya ātmā cha ātma-viṇṭe nāma  
[<sup>18</sup>] mahā-dēvi(va)taṅḍh(yō)r=abhayōr=Vṛishabha-rāsaṇ tasmīn Vṛishabha-rāsaṇ sūrya-  
grā(grā)haṇa(ḡḡ) sarvva-mā(grā)si(sī)-bhūtē gavās(gāvas)=cha nara(rā)-  
[<sup>19</sup>] ā=cha na charantī tavaṇdhā(?nvā)madbhūta sarvva-jiva-diśā-mu(?)davabhavaḥ  
mahāvismam cha asthamānavabhavaḥ iti ga-  
[<sup>20</sup>] vām grāma(mam) pravāsanti tasmāt tadā kālē śrēshṭi-sēnāpati-sachiva-nētāh  
komāra-pārtti(rṭhi)v-ānikam=a-  
[<sup>21</sup>] dhyaksha-sahitaṁ tadā Basuri-saṅgham=A(saṅgh-Ā)gasthi(stya)-gōtra(trasya) Sāmavēda-  
pāragasya tasya Mādhavasa(śa)rmā(rmma)ṇah  
[<sup>22</sup>] tasya putrasyā(sya) Jayasārmmanah tasya pri(pri)ya-tanaya(yāya) shāshāṅga (shadāṅga)-  
vidē Ravisārmmanah(nō) tasya(tasmai) Vikramāditya(tyāh) pūrva-  
[<sup>23</sup>] m=adakaṁ pāda-prakshāṇam kṛtvā Śrī-Beḷvola-vishay-ābhyanāra(rō) Beneyitavaram  
Anṇigere Ittāge  
[<sup>24</sup>] Pasuṇḍi Maguḷi Paranti Mulgundu ēdēshām sapta(ma)-grāma(māpām)  
madhya-sthitē Śrī-Kūṛṭakūṇṭe-grāma(mō) nātasya  
[<sup>25</sup>] tasya adēyam dattam [||\*] Dhā(dha)rmma-yaśō-vṛishdhi(dḍhi)r=asta [||\*] Dānam=  
atty(ty)-nttaram śrī(śrī)y-āyur(yū)-rājya-varddhanam śrī-yuktam [||\*] Tasya tadā

#### NOTES ON THE KURRAḶ OF THE TAMIL POET TIRUVALLUVAR.

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##### No. I.

The name 'Kurraḷ' is given *par excellence* to a very celebrated poetical composition in the Tamil language consisting of 133 chapters, each containing 10 couplets or *kurraḷs*. It thus numbers 2660 lines.

*Kurraḷ* means 'anything short'; (✓ *kurr*, S. ✓ *kṛt*, Lat. *curl-us*, Gr. *korr*, A. S. *scor-t*), and is properly the name of the couplet, as being the shortest species of stanza in the Tamil language.

Tiruvalluvar's poem is thus by no means a long one; though in value it far outweighs the whole of the Tamil literature, and is one of the select number of great works which have entered into the very soul of a whole people, and which can never die. According to a custom not unknown in Europe, a series of verses bearing the names of all the great Tamil poets is prefixed to the *Kurraḷ* under the name of 'The garland of Tiruvalluvar,' and exhausts

the subject of his excellence with every variety of hyperbole.

Several of these are neat. One says that as Vishṇu, when he appeared as Vāmana or the dwarf, strode in two steps over heaven and earth, so with the two lines of his diminutive verse has Tiruvalluvar transcended the universe.

Complete in itself, the sole work of its author, it has come down the stream of ages absolutely uninjured, — hardly a single various reading being found, — and every rival sect in the Tamil country claims the *Kurraḷ* as its own.

Meanwhile Tiruvalluvar furnishes another illustration of the saying that the world knows nothing of its greatest men. The name even of the great bard is unknown, for *tiruvalluvar* means sacred priest, and is simply his title as priest of the Pariah class. Tradition makes him the son of a Brāhmaṇ father and a low-caste woman, and represents the poetess



Avvai as his sister, while several other poets, a few of whose verses are preserved, were his brothers. There is no foundation for these stories. He certainly was a Pariah, lived at St. Thomé, or Mayilâpûr, and appears to have had an intimate friend, probably a patron, called Elôla-Singan, a sailor.

He is said to have composed his *Kurra!* at the request of his neighbours, that the Tamil people might have a *Vêdam* of their own. It was doubtless intended to become the authority on all ethical subjects for the Tamil country. The author must have already possessed a great reputation, or this request would not have been made; yet there are no traces of any other writings of his.

The *Kurra!* when finished is said to have been taken by its author to Madurâ, where there was a college of learned Tamil scholars. Lists are given of the forty-eight members of this academy, but there are no genuine remains of their writings. The result of the appearance of Tiruvalluvar is variously stated. The general idea is that the high-caste assembly would not permit him to take his seat on the bench with the learned paṇḍits, on account of his want of caste, but that, meekly acquiescing in his own exclusion, he simply requested permission to lay his book on the end of the seat. On this being granted, the book was placed where the poet should have been seated, and the whole bench at once disappeared, leaving the learned professors afloat in the Lotus-tank. This story is inconsistent with the idea, which is equally prevalent, that the president was Kapilar, himself a Pariah, and a brother of Tiruvalluvar.

The truth seems to be that the southern school of Tamil literature was supreme till the advent of the St. Thomé poet, whose fame eclipsed that of the southern sages.

There are no data whatever which may enable us to fix the period at which our poet flourished. I think between A.D. 1000 and 1200 is its probable date. The style is not archaic—far less so than that of the *Śvaga Chintāmani*. Remembering that its author was not fettered by caste prejudices, that his greatest friend was a sea-captain, that he lived at St. Thomé, that he was evidently an 'eclectic,' that Christian influences were at work in the neighbourhood, and that many passages are strikingly Christian in

their spirit, I cannot feel any hesitation in saying that the Christian Scriptures were among the sources from which the poet derived his inspiration. I think that even Mahammadan influences are not to be excluded.

The edition published by the late Dr. Graul, in Leipsig and in London, in 1856, is likely to be in the hands of all who care to read this paper. Dr. Graul has incorporated Beschi's Latin translation.

Mr. F. W. Ellis, an Oriental scholar of extraordinary ability, a member of the Madras Civil Service, printed a large portion of the *Kurra!* with copious notes and illustrations. The sheets of this unfinished work can still be had. The Rev. W. H. Drew, a missionary of the London Society in Madras, published an edition with the Tamil commentary of Parimēlaṣagar. This is the best edition.

The purely native editions issued under the editorship of the late learned paṇḍit Sarvaṇaparamālayar of Madras are very correct and valuable.

Twelve native commentators have illustrated by verbal commentaries the whole text; but the student will do well to disregard the meanings read into the verses by persons, native or European, who are anxious to prove that the Tamil sage taught their own favourite dogmas.

Tiruvalluvar is generally very simple, and his commentators very profound.

In regard to the philosophico-theological system taught in the *Kurra!* various opinions have naturally been held. Of course every Hindū sect claims the great poet, and strives to interpret his verses so as to favour its own dogmas. The Jains especially claim him, and he has used several of their terms. He seems to me to have been cognizant of the latest developments of that system.

Dr. Graul's account of the spirit of the work is fair and accurate. He says: "The *Kurra!* breathes throughout the atmosphere of Buddhism, or rather Jainism, although the Brāhmanas have thought fit to appropriate it to themselves, by making Tiruvalluvar an incarnation of Śiva.

"The monotheism taught in it is that of the later Buddhists or Jains, who acknowledged an Ādibuddha or Ādlāvura, called sometimes even Ādidēvan, 'primordial god.' Nothing is said about the dignity of Brāhmanas, who are

not even mentioned by their exclusive official name; the real greatness of man is independent of birth, and rests on purely moral grounds. Among the four Brâhmanical stages of life we see only those of the householder and of the ascetic treated of; the Brâhmanical pantheon retreats to the background, and, when made to advance on the stage, sometimes appears in the garb of allegorical figure, and sometimes even is lightly spoken of. Besides, the poet lavishes praise beyond measure on the ascetic life; absolute abstinence from destroying any animal life in a direct or indirect way (*ahimsâ*) is enforced; only general rules for moral conduct are given, while no mention is made of any special caste-rules. Such is the character of the *Kura*, and every single feature of it testifies to its essentially Buddhistic or Jainistic spirit."

There is one couplet, however, that is quite destructive of the idea that Tiruvalluvar was a Jaina. In ch. III., fourth couplet, a story regarding Indra is referred to as proving that ascetics have power over the gods. The sage was Gautama, who cursed Indra for deceiving the sage's wife, Ahalyâ. Now according to Jaina ideas a sage could have no wife, nor could he feel the emotion of anger, nor had he the power to inflict punishment. A Jaina would not believe the story, nor use it as the author of the *Kura* has done.

Dr. Caldwell says: "The *Kura* contains no trace of the distinctive doctrines of Śāṅkara Āchārya. It teaches the old Śāṅkhya philosophy, but ignores Śāṅkara's additions and developments, and would therefore appear to have been written before the school of Śāṅkara had risen to notice, if not before Śāṅkara himself, who lived not later than the ninth century.

"There is no trace in the *Kura* of the mysticism of the modern Paurāṇic system; of *Bhakti*, or exclusive, enthusiastic faith in any one deity of the Hindū pantheon; of exclusive attachment to any of the sects into which Hindūism has been divided since the era of Śāṅkara; or even of acquaintance with the existence of any such sects. The work appears to have been written before Śaivism and Vaiṣṇavism had been transformed from rival schools into rival sects; before the *Purāṇas*, as they now stand, had become the text-books of Hindū theology; and whilst the theosophy of the early Vedānta

and the mythology of the *Mahābhārata* comprised the entire creed of the majority of Hindūs. The author of the *Kura* is claimed with nearly equal reason by Śaivas, Vaiṣṇavas, and Jainas. On the whole the arguments of the Jainas appear to me to preponderate, especially that which appeals to the Jaina tone that pervades the ethical part of the work;—e.g., scrupulous abstinence from the destruction of life is frequently declared to be the chiefest excellence of the true ascetic. Nevertheless from the indistinctness and undeveloped character of the Jaina element which is contained in it, it seems probable that in Tiruvalluvar's age Jainism was rather an esoteric ethical school than an independent objective system of religion, and was only in the process of development out of the older Hindūism."

These reasons led the learned writer to assign to the *Kura* a date not later than "the ninth century A.D." He adds, however, that "the reasons for this conclusion are rather negative than positive."

To my own mind the internal evidence is all in favour of a much later origin. I understand that Śāṅkara's chief work (as appears from the only real authority on this subject, the *Śāṅkara digvijaya*) was, in the words of Dr. H. H. Wilson, to secure "the recognition of Brahme Para Brahme as the sole cause and ruler of the universe." He left other things untouched. I know of no other doctrines taught by him which Tiruvalluvar could have recognized than this, which is implied throughout the *Kura*. Tiruvalluvar's teaching is just such as the study of Hindūism, in the light of Śāṅkara's reforms, combined with that of the Jaina system in its later developments, and of the *Bhagavadgītā*, might have produced.

There is no trace in the *Kura* of many things current in South India at different periods, because, I suppose, they had been eliminated from the sage's own eclectic system of faith and practice, and because his work is didactic, and not controversial.

I cannot subscribe to the statement that "it teaches the old Śāṅkhya philosophy;" for I find in it no hint of *puruṣa* or of *prakṛiti*, or anything that looks like a reproduction of any of the Aphorisms of Kapila. What philosophy he teaches seems to me to be rather of the eclectic school as represented by the *Bhagavadgītā*.



Of *Bhakti*—that compound of *piety* and *devotion*, the introduction of which into India I think (with Weber) is due to the influence of Christianity—the first chapter of the *Kurral* is a beautiful exposition.

These topics will be further illustrated when we proceed to the consideration of the text itself.

The *Kurral* owes much of its popularity to its exquisite poetic form. A *kurral* is a couplet containing a complete and striking idea expressed in a refined and intricate metre. No translation can convey an idea of its charming effect. It is truly an 'apple of gold in a network of silver.' Something of the same kind is found in the Latin elegiac verse. There is a beauty in the periodic character of the Tamil construction in many of these verses that reminds the reader of the happiest efforts of Propertius. Probably the Tamil sage adopted it as being the best representative in Tamil of the Sanskrit *Shloka*.

The brevity rendered necessary by the form gives an oracular effect to the utterances of the great Tamil 'Master of the sentences.'

The choice of the most difficult metre in the language for a long work showed that the author intended to expend upon it his utmost of power, and to make it a 'possession for ever,' a 'delight of many generations.'

Of the laws of this metre, as a great curiosity, and as being quite unique in prosody, I will try to give the English reader some general ideas. I venture to refer the student of Tamil to my *Third Tamil Grammar* for a more complete exposition. In the *Clavis humaniorum litterarum sublimioris Tamilici idiomatis*, by the great Beschi, the whole subject of Tamil poetry is discussed. Dr. A. C. Burnell, M.C.S. (among his very many benefactions to Oriental learning), has issued a reprint of this valuable work, which is most faithful to its native sources, some of which I have printed in my *Third Grammar*.

A. The feet admissible in the *kurral* metre are called—

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|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| I. 1. <i>tāmā</i> .....   | — — | a spondee.           |
| 2. <i>paḷimā</i> .....    | — — | an anapest.          |
| II. 3. <i>kūṇṭāṇ</i> ...  | — — | a dactyl.            |
| 4. <i>karuṇṭāṇ</i> ...    | — — | a proceleusmaticus.  |
| III. 5. <i>tūṇṭāṇ</i> ... | — — | a meloeus.           |
| 6. <i>paḷimāṇ</i> ...     | — — | an ionicus a minore. |

IV. 7. *kūṇṭāṇ*... — — — a choriambus.

8. *karuṇṭāṇ* — — — the same with first long resolved.

V. The last foot in the second line of a *kurral* may be

9. *nāḷ* : a single long syllable.

10. *kāḷu* : the same with a very short *ū*.

11. *māḷu* : a pyrrhic.

12. *pirāḷu* : the same with a very short *ū*, hardly sounded at all.

B. Of these feet the former line of the *kurral* contains three, which may (observing the proper sequence—see I. below) be any of those numbered 1—8; the latter line consists also of three feet, of which the last must be one of the short feet numbered 9—12.

C. Classical ideas of *arsis*, *thesis*, and *iatus* must be dismissed; each metrically short or long syllable is simply pronounced, without any accent, a slight pause marking the end of each foot. The voice lingers on the long syllable, and hurries over the short, but with no inflexion or emphasis, except that of the tune or chant.

D. There must be no *cæsura*: in no part of a line can the end of a word coincide with the middle of a foot. Very closely related words—words in construction with one another—may be taken as one word; but every foot is, with this explanation, a single word.

E. The difficulty arises that a word may consist of three short syllables, or of a long syllable followed by a short (*trochee*). What feet are these? The former is *paḷimā*, the latter *tāmā*: every *tribrach* is treated as a *dactyl*, and every *trochee* as a *spondee*—the single short syllable is lengthened in the pause.

The first *kurral* of Tiravaḷḷavar transliterated runs thus:

āḡarā' | mūdālā | ēṇṭā' ellām; | ādi  
pāḡavān | mūdāṇṭō | āḷāḡā |

This is scanned—

paḷimā | paḷimā | paḷimāṇāi | tāmā  
paḷimā | paḷimā | pirāḷḡu |

The rhythm is anapestic.

F. Syllables are not generally long or short, in Tamil, by position; the vowel alone counts.

G. Tamil verse has a rhyme at the beginning, never at the end—a peculiarity found in some Celtic poetry.

H. There must also be, in general, an assonance or alliteration in each line, as in Saxon and Scandinavian poetry. To this the Tamil

ear is very sensitive. This has many rules, with which I need not weary the reader.

Here the first foot begins with *a* and the third with *d*, which is a sufficient assonance.

1. There still remains to be considered the *tañai* (= bond, S. *dhar*, L. *firma*-us), or sequence of feet.

The rule for this is: "The two feet ending in *mā* (1, 2) must be followed by a foot beginning with a short syllable (2, 4, 6, 11); the other feet (3-8) must be followed by a foot beginning with a long syllable (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10)."

This gives an inexhaustible variety to the rhythms.

## THE EDIFICE FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CHINESE OR JAINA PAGODA AT NEGAPATAM.

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Till within the last few years there was to be seen on the Coromandel coast, between one and two miles to the north of Negapatam, a tall weather-beaten tower, affording a useful landmark to vessels passing up and down the coast. It went by various names, as the *Pudaveligōpura*m, the old pagoda, Chinese<sup>1</sup> pagoda, black pagoda, and in the map of the Trigonometrical Survey (sheet 79) it stands as the *Jeyna* (Jaina) pagoda. But save in name it has nothing in common with Hindu or Muhammadan architecture, either in form or ornament. Tradition is silent as to its origin or purpose, and, although it has been the subject of frequent speculations, no satisfactory theory has been formed to account for it.

In the year 1846 I took a sanitary trip on board the Government steamer *Hugh Lindsay*, ordered down the coast to touch at several ports on the public service, which gave me an opportunity of seeing the great temple at *Rāmeśvaram* and other places of interest. On the way back we touched at Negapatam for treasure, and I gladly embraced the occasion to pay a hasty visit to the old pagoda. I found it to be a somewhat four-sided tower of three stories, constructed of bricks closely fitted together without cement, the first and second stories divided by corniced mouldings, with an opening for a door or window in the middle of each side. At the top of the lowest story were marks in the wall, showing where the floor of the second had been fixed. The top was open. The base of the ground-story was worn at the angles, from collision with passers-by and cattle, but the structure was solid and firm. No trace of sculpture or inscription was visible.

Hard by, in a small building, I found several French Jesuits, who had established themselves on some waste ground near the tower when the Order was expelled from the French territory at Pondicherry some time before. On my expressing surprise at their scanty accommodation, the superior—a gentleman-like, intelligent man—<sup>2</sup>informed me that they intended to build a college on the same site, of which the apartments I saw formed a part, and he showed me a plan and elevation of an extensive building which they hoped to complete in time, and meanwhile all their work was constructed in subordination to the general plan.

Before returning on board I met a sergeant of the Department of Public Works, a good draughtsman, who undertook to make a sketch of the tower for me. (*Fig. 2.*) This I showed afterwards to Col. Yule, who has introduced it into the first edition of the *Travels of Marco Polo* (vol. II. p. 273, 1871).

Several years later—in 1859—the Jesuit Fathers presented a petition to the Madras Government representing the tower to be in a dangerous condition, and requesting permission to pull it down and appropriate the materials to their own use. This was referred to the local officers, and soon afterwards (in June 1859) a report was received from Captain Oakes, the District Engineer, who stated that the building was an old ruin, crumbling to decay, which did not deserve the name of an ancient monument, for it had neither sculpture nor inscription, and the tops of the doorways and windows had been supported by timber, which was still remaining in some places.<sup>3</sup> He therefore recommended that an estimate of Rs. 400 which had been

<sup>1</sup> It is mentioned under this (*Fagood China*) name by Valentyn (1726), vol. vii. p. 21.

<sup>2</sup> That this circumstance does not militate against the antiquity of the building is proved by the preservation

of the timber remaining in the *Kārit* cave, where the climate has not the dryness of the coast of Coromandel. See Mr. Fergusson's remarks, *Hist. Ind. Arch.*, pp. 119 and 120, note.



sanctioned for its repair should be cancelled, and the building demolished.

Against this proposal, being then in Council, I protested; and the Governor, intending shortly to visit the southern districts, agreed to suspend the issue of final orders until he should have an opportunity of seeing it himself.

Meantime I left India, and Sir Charles Trevelyan went to Negapatam. He does not appear to have been impressed with a high opinion of the antiquity of the structure, and considered that any expenditure on its repair would be a waste of public money. At the same time he did not concur in the recommendation for its demolition, but directed that it should be fenced round with an enclosure, to secure it from wilful injury, and that good photographs should be taken of it in its present condition.

These orders were never carried out, owing to obstructions thrown in the way of their execution by the Jesuit missionaries,\* and the building remained *in statu quo* until 1867, when the Fathers renewed their application for leave to remove it, on the following grounds\*: "1st, because they considered it to be unsafe in its present condition; 2nd, because it obstructed light and sea-breeze from a chapel which they had built behind it; 3rd, because they would very much like to get the land on which it stood; and 4th, because the bricks of which it was built would be very useful to them for building purposes."

The Chief Engineer, who meanwhile had himself examined the edifice, and had directed the District Engineer to prepare a small estimate for its repair, reported that the first only of the above reasons had any weight, and that it would be met if Colonel O'Connell's estimate, prepared under his own orders, received the sanction of Government. He therefore recommended that this should be given, and the tower allowed to stand, since, he added, "there is no doubt that it is used as a landmark

for vessels approaching the Negapatam roadstead."† The Master Attendant of the port, however, was of opinion that the inconvenience would be diminished by sighting the five white columns at Nagore, four miles further north, but, he added, "the native population objected to its removal, and if it be ordered would petition against it."

The Chief Engineer's proposal did not meet with approval, and on the 28th August 1867 the following order was made on the Jesuits' petition:—"The Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the removal of the old tower at Negapatam by the officers of St. Joseph's College, at their own expense, and the appropriation of the available material to such school-building purposes as they appear to have in contemplation."

The Fathers were not slow in availing themselves of this permission. The venerable building was speedily levelled, and the site cleared. Some time afterwards, when Lord Napier visited Negapatam, they presented him with the bronze image represented in Fig. 3 of the plate, which had been found in making excavations connected with the college. It represents a Buddhist or Jaina priest in the costume and attitude of the figures in wood and metal brought from Burma. A band encircles the neck, and the lobes of the ears are pendent and elongated, as if by wearing heavy earrings. The hands are open, the right upraised, the left turned down, as if in the act of preaching. On cleaning the pedestal some ancient Tamil characters were discovered, occupying the greater part of the front and right sides, which are represented in the plate as Fig. 4. These have been deciphered by Dr. Burnell, who writes—"The inscription is Tamil of the 12th century, or perhaps the beginning of the 13th. It runs *Seastirri* [This] *Agamapadita* [dedicated] *Uyyakkonda Nāyak*. There are only two words, the first in the 2nd (accusative) case, the second in the 1st (or nominative) case. The meaning is plain; but who was

\* Chief Engineer's Report, para. 4, in Cons. 38th Aug. 1867. † *Ibid.* p. 7.

† From the last edition of Horsburgh's *Sailing Directory*, 1874, p. 453, it appears that Negapatam being now the terminus of the Great South Indian Railway, the trade, which was before considerable, has greatly increased, bringing a large number of ships and steamers to the roadstead. The anchorage is from 1½ to 2 miles off shore, the flagstaff bearing W. or W. ½ S. in 6 or 7 fathoms. To the south of the anchorage is an extensive shoal of hard sand or stones, with a depth of 19 to 24 feet water. It is between

6 and 7 miles in length, running N. and S., and from 3 to 4 miles distant from the shore. Ships bound to the north must not come into less than 7½ fathoms until the Negapatam flagstaff or the Black Pagoda bears NW. by W. The town lies to the N. of the Fort near the entrance into a little river; and about 1½ miles NNW. from the fort stands the old Black Pagoda, which is one of the most conspicuous objects in approaching this part of the coast, the whole of which has a low, drowned aspect when first seen from the offing, consisting as it does of a sandy, barren soil planted with coconut trees; &c. &c.

Āgamapaṇḍita? I took the image some years ago to be Buddhist. There was, however, a Śaiva teacher Umapatiśivāchārya, also called Sakalāgamapaṇḍita, and it may represent him."

\* It can hardly be doubted that the statuette is connected with the character of the building, and the purpose for which it was erected. Now the general aspect of the figure, the loose mantle, the crisp *chevelure*, the conical head-ornament, the pierced and elongated ear-lobes, savour strongly of a Buddhist (or Jaina) origin,\* which would imply a corresponding relation between the structure and that faith. Granting this, it may be set down as a Vihāra, or as a memorial of some holy man.

I did not omit to consult Mr. Fergusson on the subject, but he finds a difficulty in pronouncing a decided opinion from a mere sketch without plan or measurements, and adds, "The only buildings I know in India at all like it are the tombs of the Jaina priests at Maḍubidri (*Hist. of Ind. Arch.*, p. 275, woodcut 154). If it be not a tomb I do not know what it is."

The fate of this "interesting building," as Col. Yule calls it, strikingly illustrates the importance of forming an Archaeological Survey Department for the Madras Presidency, as has been done for every other part of India and for Ceylon. It cannot be supposed that the Government would have thus ruthlessly consigned to destruction a monument unique of its kind, which had never been carefully examined by a competent observer, if they had been aware of its claim to protection. Nor is this a solitary example. The work of demolition is daily going on, and too late it will be found that other precious relics of the past have been lost for ever through simple ignorance of their value.

I am convinced, from my own observation, that if this one had only been left to itself it would have stood for years. All that was wanted for its protection was to enclose it with a substantial wall, at the cost of a few rupees, to hinder cattle and passing vehicles from destroying the angles at its base. The state in which I saw it, as depicted in the plate, *Fig. 2*, twenty years before it was reported to be in danger of falling, shows that the lower story had

only suffered externally from the attrition to which its exposed situation made it liable, without damaging the stability of the structure.

Since the foregoing was written I have received a photograph of the College taken in 1866 by Mr. Middleton Rayne when employed on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway.<sup>†</sup> In this the tower appears in the background (as represented in *Fig. 1* of the plate) to the left of the College, which has now assumed an imposing appearance.

A *Rivision* of the 1st volume of the *Athena Oriental* (Paris, 1871) has likewise come to hand, in which (at pp. 79-86) there is an article entitled "La Bouddha Sakya Mouni," by M. Ph. Ed. Foucaux, Professor of Sanskrit in the College of France. In this he has introduced woodcuts of three Buddhist images found in the grounds of the College of St. Joseph at Negapatam, copied from sketches communicated by the Academic Society of St. Quentin, through the kindness of M. Textor de Ravisi, late Governor of Karikal, whose acquaintance I had the pleasure of making at the International Oriental Congress of 1874.

The circumstances under which the images were discovered are stated in the following extract from a record made at the time:—

"Not far from the tower is an old Mohwa tree (*Bassia latifolia*, L.), the diameter of which above the root is more than a metre—indicating, according to the usual growth of the tree, an age of 700 to 800 years.

"In March 1856 the missionaries, having cut it down for the requirements of their work of construction, discovered five small Buddhist idols at a depth of somewhat more than a yard below the surface.

"From the position in which they were found, they appear to have been concealed, with a view of being again used in religious worship, for they were carefully placed in a chamber under a covering of bricks arranged for their protection.

"Four of the idols are of bronze, the fifth of a mixture of porcelain and clay, of exquisite workmanship."

M. Foucaux adds that one of the idols had been retained in the College, and that the fifth had been sent to Rev. Fr. Carayon, in Paris, but he does not state what became of the remaining three. One of these, No. 16, is almost identical with that figured for our article (*Fig. 3*), differing only in the absence of the square pedestal bearing the inscription, which, however, forms a separate piece from the lotus stand common to both, and in the disposition of the mantle, which is pendent from the

of the Sindh and Panjāb Railway, and is now at Multan.

\* The Tamil name is *Ruppat-morani*.

\* See Moor's *Hindu Pantheon*, p. 251, plates lxx-lxxi.

† Mr. Rayne at present fills the post of Chief Engineer



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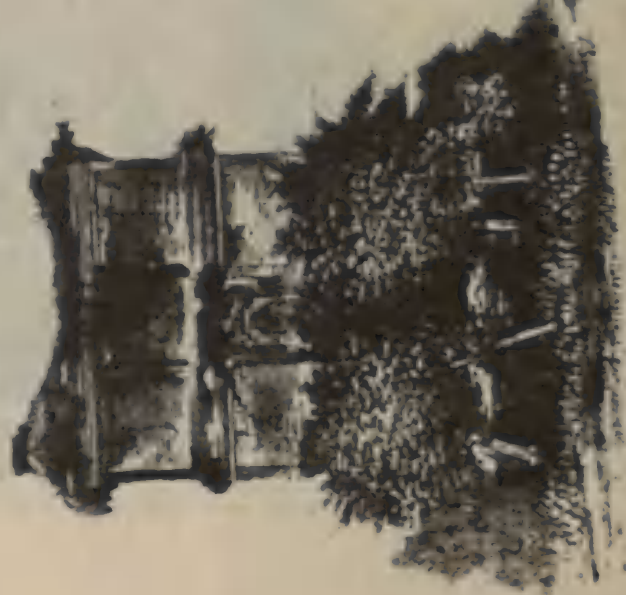
4. INSCRIPTION ON THE PEDESTAL OF No. 3.



BRONZE IMAGE. PRESENTED TO  
 LORD NAPIER IN 1838.



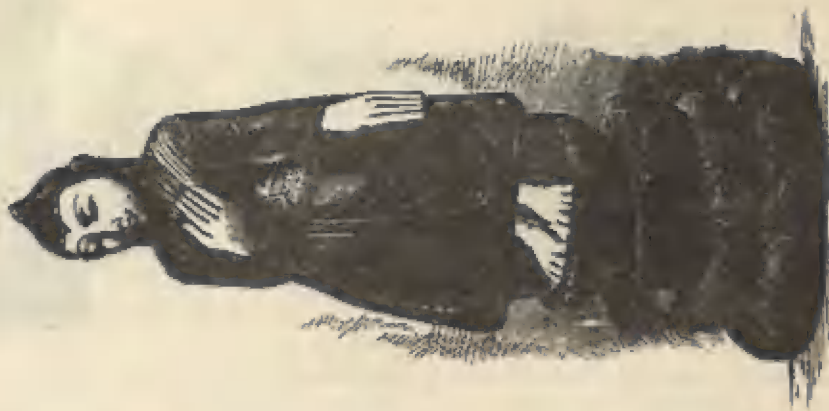
THE TOWER AS IT EXISTED IN 1846.



ANCIENT TOWER AT NAGAPATNAM.



FIG. 5. INDIAN BUDDHA.



FIGS. 6, 7. BAUDDHA IMAGES.



left shoulder only, and not from both as in ours. The left hand, also, is held up, instead of pointing downwards. In all other respects they are identical.

It is probable that these three (*figs. 5, 6, 7*) have been deposited in the Academy of St. Quentin, and that the one retained by the Fathers is that which was given to Lord Napier.

No. 5 represents Buddha, seated in the usual attitude under the sacred tree. No. 7 appears to be a female devotee, of very rude workmanship. Copies of the three are introduced into our plate.

The discovery of these relics places the Buddhist origin of the tower beyond dispute.

*Note by Dr. Burnell.*

As I several times in 1866 visited the ruin referred to, I may be permitted to say that it had become merely a shapeless mass of bricks. I have no doubt that it was originally a *vimāna* or shrine of some temple; there are some of precisely the same construction in parts of the Chingleput district.

Sir Walter Elliot's remarks about the destruction of ancient monuments in the Madras Presidency must be a source of great satisfaction to all interested in South-Indian antiquities: for my own part, I am confident that, if something be not soon done, there will not be anything left in a few more years that has the least historical inter-

est. I may mention a lamentable instance of the destruction of a relic of much interest which occurred some four years ago: I refer to the blowing up of the flagstaff tower at Cochin. This was the tower of the old Church of the Cross (afterwards the Cathedral of Cochin), where St. Francis Xavier preached, and was the last known building that could be connected with the history of a man whose name will always survive in South India. The cathedral was once a very fine church (see the view in *Baldnus*); the Dutch used it as a storehouse, but it remained for the English to destroy the body of the church early in this century, and then (in 1874) to remove the still remaining tower. (See, as regards the first, Mr. Anstoy's indignant remarks in Lord Stanley's *Three Voyages of Vasco da Gama*, Hakl. Soc. 1869, p. 429).

I have searched, and had search made, to ascertain if *Āgamapandita* can possibly be a Buddhist or Jain title used in South India, but cannot find the least trace of such use. It is tolerably certain that the image is that of a Śaiva devotee, and it certainly was the practice to dedicate such images in temples (see, e.g., the great inscription at Tanjor). I may remark that the Śaiva monks (*Tāmbirā*) in this district are hardly to be distinguished from Buddhist monks, except by the ashes they smear on their foreheads and by their matted hair.

*Tanjor, 27th June 1878.*

## CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEA.

### PĀRSI FUNERAL AND INITIATORY RITES.

I am glad my paper on the above subject has at length elicited a little criticism.<sup>1</sup> My intention was to give a lecture or lectures on the Pārsi religion before the University of Oxford immediately after my return from my second Indian journey. But on referring to my notes I found that so many different opinions existed on various knotty questions that I felt obliged to postpone the fulfilment of my design till I had gained further information, or, at least, cleared up some of my chief doubts.

Of course, I know that the researches of German scholars are at my command, but I am most desirous to examine the Pārsi religion from the point of view of the Pārsis themselves, and to ascertain the opinions of their most learned men in regard to all controverted points.

My article in the *Indian Antiquary* was intended to provoke criticism. Of course, therefore, I feel grateful to Mr. Sorābjī Kāvasjī Khambātā for setting me right in matters about which he is

likely to be better informed than I am. If I now criticize some of his criticisms, it is not so much with a view of vindicating my own accuracy as of stimulating further discussion, that the real truth may be ascertained in regard to certain points which evidently admit of some difference of opinion.

For in the course of my inquiries into the religions of India few things surprised me more than the difficulty of obtaining a satisfactory explanation of many ambiguities in the creed and practice of modern Indo-Zoroastrians. Though no class of Indians can boast better educated or more cultivated and enlightened men than the Pārsi community, very few have studied their own religion in the original documents, and even those learned men to whom I appealed confessed their inability to answer some of my queries. While, therefore, I willingly defer to Mr. Khambātā's superior knowledge of his own religion, I feel bound to suspend my judgment in regard to questions still at issue among the Pārsis themselves.

<sup>1</sup> *Vide* vol. VI. pp. 311-315, and vol. VII. p. 179.

Let me take Mr. Khambâtâ's criticisms in order. He says I have been wrongly informed that the priestly race among the Pârsis is divided into three classes of Dasturs, Mobeds, and Herbad's. But, according to his own showing: "Some Herbad's are neither Dasturs nor Mobeds, for they do not choose to enter the holy order." Is not this tantamount to a division of the priestly race into three classes?

In the next place Mr. Khambâtâ says that I am wrong in calling the Nasasâîlârs "corpse-bearers." Yet again, according to his own showing, they are quite as much corpse-bearers as the Khândhiâs: "The Nasasâîlârs," he writes, "take up the body from the slab and place it in on the bier" . . . . . "The Nasasâîlârs again receive the bier and carry it into the inner part of the Tower." It appears that I ought to have distinguished more clearly between the Nasasâîlârs and the Khândhiâs or bier-bearers. But I must here observe that my description of a Pârsi funeral in my letter to the *Times* of 28th January 1876 was reprinted with alterations by the Pârsi Panchâyat, yet no corrections in regard to that point were made. The following sentence was also allowed to stand:—"As the bearers are supposed to contract impurity in the discharge of their duty, they are forced to live quite apart from the rest of the community."

Mr. Khambâtâ says: "Professor Williams considers feeding the dog with bread a part of the ceremony called *Sag-dîd*. In this also he is mistaken." No, my only mistake has been in expressing myself too loosely. It should be observed that the hyphen in *Sag-dîd* was mine. I knew I was writing for Oriental scholars, and the hyphen seemed to me quite sufficient to indicate that *Sag-dîd* meant 'dog-gaze.' In my *Times* letter I said: "The corpse is exposed to the gaze of a dog, regarded by the Pârsis as a sacred animal. This latter ceremony is called *Sag-dîd*."

Again Mr. Khambâtâ takes exception to my words, "The fire sanctuary of the *sagri* has a window or aperture so arranged that when the sacred fire is fed with sandal-wood fuel by the veiled priest, just before the corpse-bearers enter the Tower, a ray from the flame may be projected over the dead body at the moment of its exposure." Mr. Khambâtâ says "this is not correct. With no such design is the *sagri* built." But what I stated was that the aperture (not the building of the *sagri*) was arranged with that design. This, however, was not my statement, but that of the Secretary to the Panchâyat, who

attended me on both occasions of my visit to the Towers.

With regard to the bread with which the funeral dog is fed, I owe the rational explanation I have given of this remarkable custom to a well-known scholar and distinguished living authority, Mr. K. R. Kârmâ. Let others judge if Mr. Khambâtâ's explanation is preferable.

Again, Mr. Khambâtâ calls in question my assertion that the soul of the deceased man is supposed to hover about in a restless state for the three days immediately succeeding death, in the neighbourhood of the *dakhmas*. Mr. Khambâtâ informs us that the souls of only sinful men are supposed to do so. Will he tell us what becomes of the souls of the righteous during these three days?

As to the initiatory ceremonies, I must remind Mr. Khambâtâ that my description had reference to the highest form of these ceremonies. This is what I meant by their "due celebration."

I quite admit that I ought to have mentioned the white colour of the bull.

In conclusion I must express my surprise that Mr. Khambâtâ should not have divined from the context that 'second' was a mere misprint for 'sacred'; still I do not excuse myself for having overlooked this error in the proofs.

MONIER WILLIAMS.

Oxford, 28th July 1878.

#### THE PHRYGIAN INSCRIPTIONS AT DOGANLU.

SIR,—The question of the geographical course, advance, and development of the Aryan languages will have so much interest for your Indian readers that I venture to ask for a small space, in your close columns, to originate a new line of inquiry, which has lately presented itself to me, in the interpretation of the Phrygian inscriptions at Doganlu, near the old Nacoleia. The site of Doganlu lies SE. of the prominent town of Kutsiya: it is more immediately associated with the traditional *Metropolis*, which is identified, in Smith and Grove's *Atlas*, with *Gurdjaro Kaleh* (Lat. 39° 18' N., Long. 30° 36' E.), Doganlu being placed in the same map, under the designation of *Castellum et sepulera regia*, in about Lat. 39° 8' N., Long. 30° 53'.

H. Kiepert's map, attached to the valuable work of P. de Tchihatcheff,—*Asie Mineure* (Paris, 1860),—gives the emplacement of the three sites of Kumbet, Yapouldak, and Doganlu, the position of the latter being defined as Lat. 39° 16' N., Long. 30° 37' E.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The proximity of these historical remains to the ancient Synnada (Asum-Kara-hisar), Lat. 38° 43' N., Long. 30° 31' E., is also noteworthy.



I must frankly tell you that these inscriptions have been copied, recopied, and commented on from the days of Walpole, Leake, &c., and, as I now find, put under critical solution in Rawlinson's translation of Herodotus.<sup>a</sup> I am glad to say that I was altogether unaware of this last occurrence, or perhaps I should not have undertaken a new and independent examination of these archaic writings. Nor do I wish now to controvert other people's readings, but to suggest the exercise of free thought: to which end I shall be prepared to submit to your readers the full text of some ten or eleven inscriptions with the derivation and associate adaptation of other forms of the old Phœnician alphabets. In the mean time, perhaps, you will allow me to give a general outline of the results I have arrived at. These inscriptions are written in an early form of Greek character very little removed from the archaic type of the Phœnician alphabet on the stile of Mesha of Moab (a.c. 896), and are arranged, in the *boustrophædon* form, reading from right to left and from left to right. The alphabet when compared with the full scheme of the Greek series of 25 letters is found to be deficient in the letters  $\theta$ ,  $\chi$ , and  $\omega$ ; the  $\phi$  seems to have been a subsequent incorporation, and the indeterminate use of the  $\zeta$ ,  $\xi$ , and  $\sigma$  indicates a very imperfect appreciation of the true value of the adopted letters. One very significant sign of the adaptation of the Semitic alphabet to its new requirements is seen in the simple elaboration of the ordinary  $\text{𐤀} = \text{E}$  into  $\text{𐤁} = \text{H}$  by the convenient addition of a fourth side-stroke. The  $\text{E}$  is the Latin  $\text{Æ}$ , distinguished from the  $\text{F}$ , for which it might otherwise be mistaken, by the retention of the down-stroke of the latter in a directly perpendicular line, as opposed to the slope given to the down-strokes of the  $\text{E}$  and  $\text{F}$ . This peculiarity is preserved in the formation of the contrasted  $\text{F}$  and  $\text{E}$  of the Etruscan alphabets.

The  $\text{F} = \text{v}$  (vau) of the Semitic series seems to have held an anomalous position in its new place, having to do duty for  $f$ ,  $v$ ,  $p$ ,  $ph$ , as well as sometimes serving as an accent, and being occasionally employed also as a means of separating vowels, as in the Carian tongue, where vowels were so persistently severed and isolated, as opposed to ordinary Greek rules.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> W. Hamilton, *Aegyptiaca*, London, 1809.  
Chandler's *Asia Minor*, 1817, p. 272.  
Travels in the East, edited by R. Walpole (London, 1800), p. 207.  
*Journal of a Tour in Asia Minor*, by W. M. Leake (London, 1834), p. 21.  
Keppel's *Journey*, 1831, vol. ii. p. 117.  
Cramer's *Asia Minor*, 1832, vol. ii. p. 5.  
Grotefend, *Transactions R. As. Soc.* (1835), vol. iii. p. 325.  
*Ancient Monuments with Inscriptions still existing in Lydia and Phrygia*, by J. B. Stewart: London, 1842.  
C. Texier, *L'Asie Mineure*, Paris, 1849, vol. i. p. 210.

But the main point for consideration for Aryan scholars is the curious predominance of Latin forms and inflexions in the texts themselves, which, as affecting the affiliation of languages, is of the highest importance in the present state of our philological knowledge. The alphabet in like manner abounds in many of the early identities which were retained intact in the Etruscan and other Italian alphabets.

The texts themselves, as I read them, result in the preservation of the names of several of the old kings of Phrygia, endorsed on the tombs or rock-cut surfaces wherein their ashes may have been enshrined, or in secret places around. The names appear in the following order:—

a. Manes (in the Latin form of BABA MEMEFALE).<sup>c</sup>

b. A second king called B a b a M a n e s, discriminated by a different title.

c. A t y a.

d. M i d a s, and

e. EPEKYN, or preferentially FPEKYN ( $\phi\epsilon\kappa\upsilon\eta$ ?).

But by far the most important contribution to ancient archæology which these epigraphs permit me to cite are the dates, which have been hitherto consistently ignored or misunderstood. We have in the first place a distinct record of a life  $\text{AAVIT}$ ,  $\text{lapit}$  (گونا), ending at the age of 23 (TA). Next we meet with a specific date in the form of  $\text{AT} = 301$ , which is appended to the name of a certain Chersonesian, outside the rock-cut face of the earliest temple front, which bears on its *frieze* the name and titles of FPEKYN.

The date itself will not therefore apply to the epoch of any given king, but it may be freely accepted as a record made subsequent to the execution of the possibly votive sculpture, and thus indicates the priority, recent or remote, of the ornamental device within whose pattern the leading designation is engraved. The inquiry may now be raised as to what era these latter figures refer. To my understanding there can be but one system of reckoning at all applicable to the circumstances in the race which made its mark and held its continuity from father to son for 505 years, as Herodotus tells us was the case with the proximate Phrygian Heraclidæ,

*Asia Minor, Pontus, &c.*, by W. J. Hamilton (London, 1842), vol. i. p. 459.

*Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, &c.*, by W. F. Ainsworth (London, 1842), vol. ii. p. 59.

*The History of Herodotus*, by G. Rawlinson (London, 1855), vol. i. note p. 666.

*Manual of Oriental History*, by F. Lenormant (London, 1870), vol. ii. p. 73.

<sup>c</sup> "Kavaiar = Cave-ne-ear," Cicero *De Div.* ii. 48.

<sup>d</sup> The Latin text given by Cory from the Armenian version, with variations from the old Latin version of Hieronymus, uses 'Mames' as the equivalent of the Greek  $\text{M}\eta\epsilon\pi\tau$ . See also Eusebius, p. 93.



whose dynasty was finally extinguished on the accession of Ogyes, in 716 a.c.\*

The dates, therefore, arrange themselves thus:— $716 + 505 = 1221$  a.c. for the accession to power of the Lydo-Phrygian kings. The recorded date of  $505 - 301 = 204$  amounts to  $204 + 716 = 920$  a.c., or so much before the anomalous reckoning by the Olympiads of 776 a.c., or the local era of the foundation of Rome, A.U.C., which dates only from 754 a.c.

There is one possible objection to the reception in full faith of the initial date of the Heracleidae as the determining epoch of the period to which we are to assign the execution of these monuments—that is, the highly advanced stage of the alphabetical characters, as opposed to the retarded progress, in that direction, of the Greeks of the islands.

I am not disturbed at all upon this point. If the Egyptians recognised the Phrygians as older than themselves, there must have been some very civilized focus in the latitude in which these rock-cut frontages are preserved to the present day. Mr. Fergusson, as the latest commentator from the architectural point of view, pronounces them to be the very earliest examples of quasi-wooden designs extant!\*

In regard to the more matured forms of the alphabetical characters at Doganlu, it is to be remarked that, although they are obviously very much in advance of the Greek of the Homeric development, there is nothing inconsistent with an earlier local civilization, and a more direct land intercourse with the nations who used Phœnician writing as their ordinary method of literary communication. In this respect we may continue the comparison with the Phœnician record on the *stèle* of Mesha. This document is now generally conceded to belong to the close of the 9th century a.c., and to exhibit the alphabet in an advanced stage of maturity.† But with the exception of a natural advance upon the special exigencies of a Semitic language, and a mechanical re-adaptation of the outlines of the normal forms, there is nothing in the Phrygian alphabet that is inconsistent with the immediate improvements necessitated by the larger requirements of Aryan speech. Those who care to compare a parallel rate of progress may find identities in the development and adaptation of the Baktrian Semitic alphabet of Aśoka's inscrip-

tions,‡ and see how readily an Aryan tongue improved upon its Semitic teachings, and advanced towards a more perfect, though utterly inconsistent and unsuitable alphabet, in respect to the configuration of the outlines of its letters.

I need not say that this subject is likely to attract much attention among the critical classic authorities of the present day, who may be disposed to agree with Max Müller, who seeks to reduce Greek literature to as comparatively low a level as he assigns to Vedic writing and Indian alphabets.

Indeed, signs of opposition have already manifested themselves, but I have been, strange to say, greatly strengthened in my leading argument by one of the primary objections, which took this form—"How do you know that the letter  $\tau$  was the recognized letter equivalent of 300 in these early times?" It is confessed freely that the later Greek numeral  $\tau$  stands, *in figures* throughout, for 300, and has never meant anything else in their arithmetic; but how, it is added, can I establish so primitive an application of the use of the letter for the purposes of dates? My reply is, simply, that the Phrygian dates—in their double entries—were clearly well-understood records, where *letter* figures sufficed for all purposes of identification without further definition.

As regards the doubt about the  $\tau$  and its value then and afterwards as 300, a most curious and instructive piece of consecutive evidence crops up.

The learned world who rely upon Greek priority have long ago admitted that the drop or loss of the  $\Phi$ , or digamma, amid the early numbers of the Greek numeral system, afforded conclusive evidence of derivation from the consecutive order of the Phœnician alphabet.

That is clearly so, but a new proof of the antiquity of the Phrygian epigraphs may probably be established from the contested  $\tau$ .

Perhaps your readers are not in possession of all the data which I hope to submit to them, but I may prepare the way by saying that in the Moabite stone and in the Phrygian inscriptions, with which we are more immediately concerned, there is no such letter as the Hebrew  $\tau$ , *teth*, or the corresponding Greek  $\Theta$ , and the same remark holds good in regard to most of the Aramæan alphabets.§

p. *teth*, remarks,—"Ante tria lustra hujus litteræ figuræ Palmographiæ ita ignotæ erant.

\* Herodotus i. 7. See also i. 14, 85, 94; iv. 45, viii. 133.  
† History of Architecture, vol. I. p. 224:—"They may have been dated as far back as 1000, and most probably 700 years, at least, before the Christian era."

‡ F. Lenormant, *L'Alphabet Phœnicien*, Paris, 1873, tom. I. p. 123.

§ Prinsep's Essays, vol. ii. p. 144; Numismatic Chronicle, 1863, p. 225.

¶ Gesenius (1897), p. 30, speaking of the Phœnician

M. de Laynes (Prinsep, pl. ix c), has only one *teth*, that under Sidon, from Sargos to the epoch of the Romans 145 a.c.

Madden, *Coins of the Jews*, 1864, finds no such letter in the "Assyrian Lion weights," nor in the "old Hebrew from Coins." M. de Vogüé, *Mélanges*, 1869, has none in his Phœnician Archæologie, but plenty in the Egyptian Alphabets.



In these cases, therefore, the final letter of the alphabet counts as 21, and not as 22. No. 21, in the ordinary course of Eastern letter notation, is equivalent to 300, and as such the Greeks received the T, out of its regular Phœnician order, and adopted it into their own system, which goes far to suggest that this Phrygian medium was the true channel of communication, in opposition to the tentative numerals of the Egyptians, which the Phœnicians perhaps suggested to the Latins. So much avowedly depends upon the sequent order of the letters that we find in the proper Hebrew alphabet the  $\alpha$  *tau* = 400, and where the current Hebrew adds a second  $\alpha$  *p* (= *pe*), the  $\alpha$  grows into 500.

To reiterate somewhat, in order to test and check the dates bearing upon the mechanical adaptation of letter figures. I will re-state the case from another point of view. The missing  $\Theta$  of the Aramæan writing regains its place in the accepted Greek scheme under the Phœnician influences, to which it was so largely indebted, and from whose alphabetical notation the letter perhaps had never been absent. So also the Hebrew  $\gamma$  *yod* = 10 is constant in the Greek series of letter numbers. The Greek scheme of amalgamation evidently experienced a second jerk in the number of 90, where it had to supply a figure like a reversed P or a revived  $\rho$  (*hopla*), as inconsecutive a form as the revised equivalent of the six, in order, perchance, to retain or bring back the  $\gamma$  = P to its proper numeral position as 100, the fixed succeeding  $\Sigma$  to its ancient function as 200, and the T to its coincident value of 300, from which, as the 21st letter of the primitive Moabite and Phrygian order of notation, it ought never to have been displaced.

E. THOMAS.

#### THE FIREARMS OF THE HINDUS.

SIR,—Under the above heading Bâbu Râm Dâs Sen (*ante*, p. 186) appears to claim for the Hindus of some unknown but very ancient period a knowledge of military projectiles at least equal to that possessed by their descendants in the last century. He speaks of the Agni-Astra as mentioned in the *Agni Purâna* and *Mûdra Râkhasa*, and as more particularly described in the *Śukra-Nîti*, a work said to have been written by the sage Śukra-Āchārya; from which he quotes descriptions which are translated undoubtedly refer to true firearms.

M. Lecomte detects no *tetras* in the Moab stone, in the *Linnæ* of Nimrod, or the inscriptions in Cyprus and Malta, nor is the letter entered in any of "the four varieties of Hebrew Archaïque" in Pl. vii., though he discovers the letter in some *pierres gravées*, the *nidus* of which is not defined.

But, in the first instance, all the external evidence goes to show that no foreign invaders found the Hindus in original possession of anything of the sort. The scanty records which we have of Greek and Roman contact with ancient India may be ransacked in vain for any positive evidence on the subject, while their silence is strong negative testimony *per contra*.

No Muhammadan historian mentions gunpowder before A.D. 1317; and Sir H. Elliot thinks the earliest date at which it can have got to India A.D. 1400, and does not put much faith in a Chinese account of something like a firearm in A.D. 1259 (Elliot and Dawson's *Hist. Ind.* vol. VI. pp. 455, 459, 460). Col. Yule, referring<sup>1</sup> to a 'Fire-Pao' used in China in the 13th century, agrees with MM. Favé and Reinoud that it was probably a sort of rocket. Now, if the Hindus ever had anything of the sort, how did they come to forget all about it before they came in contact with Western races capable of bearing testimony to the fact? or, if they had not forgotten it, how is it that Greek, Arab, and Persian are equally silent on the subject? The Hindu armorer is conservative enough. The sword, the battle-axe, the war-quoit, are the same to-day in steel that they are in the stone of sculptures 1200 years old; and, in respect of the first weapons, the Muslim invaders had no sooner settled in India than they adopted the peculiar and inconvenient Indian hilt. It is hardly likely that so important an art as that of the artillerist would have dropped out of sight, and its only record be found in a Sanskrit manuscript not very well known; and this is the next point to which I wish to draw attention.

"The sage Śukra Āchārya" has already appeared in these columns as the contemporary of the Vâman Avatâr and of Brîhaspati (*Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. p. 243, vol. V. p. 5). Was he the author of the work quoted by Bâbu Râm Dâs Sen? And if not, who was? The Bâbu says that the *ślokas* quoted do not seem mere modern interpolations. His authority upon this point is superior to mine, and I must bow to it till some scholar of weight has examined the MS. and given his opinion on it. But, from the evidence above given, it seems to me that if they are not such interpolations the whole work must be a forgery of, at best, the 17th century—a period which I am led to select by the mention of the flint.

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Finally, under the Italian aspect, though the Umbrians and Etruscans used the  $\Theta$ , the Romans and Oscans made up the letter of the ordinary combined TH.

<sup>1</sup> Marco Polo, vol. I. p. 324.

## ASITA AND BUDDHA, OR THE INDIAN SIMEON.

In the *Lalitā Vistara*—a legendary history in prose and verse of the life of Buddha, the great Indian saint, and founder of the religion which bears his name—it is related that a Rishi, or inspired sage, named Asita, who dwelt on the skirts of the Himalaya mountains, became informed, by the occurrence of a variety of portents, of the birth of the future lawgiver, as the son of King Suddhōdana, in the city of Kapilavastu, in Northern India, and went to pay his homage to the infant. I have tried to reproduce the legend in the following verses. The similarity of some of the incidents to portions of the narrative in the second chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, verses 25ff., will strike the reader.

I may mention that the Buddhist books speak also of earlier Buddhas, that the word means 'the enlightened,' or 'the intelligent,' and that Buddha also bore the appellations of Gautama, and of Śākyasiṃha, and Śākyamani—i.e. the lion, and the devotee, of the tribe of the Śākya, to which he belonged.

That I have not at all exaggerated the expressions in the text which speak of Buddha as a deliverer or redeemer, or assimilated his character more than was justifiable to the Christian conception of a saviour, will be clear to any one who can examine the original for himself. Kumārila Bhaṭṭa, a renowned Brāhmanical opponent of the Buddhists, while charging Buddha with presumption and transgression of the rules of his caste in assuming the functions of a religious teacher (with which, as belonging to the Kshatriya, and not to the Brāhmanical class, he had no right to interfere), ascribes to him these words—"Let all the evils (or sins) flowing from the corruption of the Kali age" (the fourth, or most degenerate, age of the world) "fall upon me; but let the world be redeemed!" If we might judge from this passage, it would seem that the character of a vicarious redeemer was claimed by, or at least ascribed to, Buddha. I was informed by the late Mr. R. C. Childers, however, that in his opinion the idea of Buddha's having suffered vicariously for the sins of men is foreign to Buddhism, and indeed opposed to the whole spirit and tendency of the system.

Another esteemed correspondent is unable to think that the sentiment ascribed to Buddha by Kumārila is foreign to his system, as it is thoroughly in accordance with the idea of the six *pāramitas*. He does not understand it as implying any theological notion of vicarious atonement, but rather the enthusiastic utterance of highly-strung moral sympathy and charity, and would compare it with St. Paul's words in *Romans* ix. 3, and explain each in just the same way as, he thinks, Chrysostom does. He further refers to the existence of numerous

Buddhist stories in the *Kathāsarit-saṅgāra*, among which is one from lvi. 153, viz. the story of the disobedient son with a red-hot iron wheel on his head, and he says—"Pāpino 'nye 'pi muchyantām pṛithvyām tat-pātakair api! ā pāpa-kahayam etad me chakram bhṛṅmyatu mūrdhani." "Let other sinners on earth be freed from their sins; and until the removal of [their] sin let this wheel turn round upon my head." In either case it is only a wish, and it is not pretended that it really had, or ever could have, any effect on other men. It only expresses a perfection of charity. The same idea (borrowed, as the writer supposes, from Buddha) comes in in the *Bhāgavata Purāṇa*, ix. ch. 21.

On Himālaya's lonely steep

There lived of old a holy sage,

Of shrivelled form, and bent with age,

Inured to meditation deep.

He—when great Buddha had been born,

The glory of the Śākya race,

Endowed with every holy grace,

To save the suffering world forlorn—

Beheld strange portents, signs which taught

The wise that that auspicious time

Had witnessed some event sublime,

With universal blessing fraught.

The sky with joyful gods was thronged :

He heard their voice with glad acclaim

Besounding loudly Buddha's name,

While echoes clear the shouts prolonged.

The cause exploring, far and wide

The sage's vision ranged; with awe

Within a cradle laid he saw

Far off the babe, the Śākya's pride.

With longing seized this child to view

At hand, and clasp, and homage pay,

Athwart the sky he took his way

By magic art, and swan-like flew

And came to King Suddhōdana's gates,

And entrance craved—"Go, royal page,

And tell thy lord an ancient sage

To see the King permission waits."

The page obeyed, and joined his hands

Before the prince, and said—"A sage,

Of shrivelled form, and bowed with age,

Before the gate, my sovereign, stands,

"And humbly asks to see the King."

To whom Suddhōdana cried—"We greet

All such with joy; with honour meet

The holy man before us bring."

The saint beside the monarch stood,

And spake his blessing—"Thine be health,

With length of life, and might, and wealth;

And ever seek thy people's good."



With all due forms, and meet respect,  
The King received the holy man,  
And made him sit; and then began—  
"Great sage, I do not recollect

"That I thy venerable face  
Have ever seen before; allow  
Me then to ask what brings thee now  
From thy far-distant dwelling-place."

"To see thy babe," the saint replies,  
"I come from Himālaya's steeps."  
The King rejoined—"My infant sleeps;  
A moment wait until he rise."

"Such great ones ne'er," the Rishi spake,  
"In torpor long their senses steep;  
Nor softly love luxurious sleep;  
The infant Prince will soon awake."

The wondrous child, alert to rise,  
At will his slumbers light dispelled.  
His father's arms the infant held  
Before the sage's longing eyes.

The babe beholding passing bright,  
More glorious than the race divine,  
And marked with every noble sign,<sup>1</sup>  
The saint was whelmed with deep delight;

And crying—"Lo! an infant graced  
With every charm of form I greet!"  
He fell before the Buddha's feet,  
With fingers joined, and round him paced.<sup>2</sup>

Next round the babe his arms he wound,  
And "One," he said, "of two careers  
Of fame awaits in coming years  
The child in whom these signs are found.

"If such an one at home abide,  
He shall become a King, whose sway  
Supreme a mighty arm'd array  
On earth shall establish far and wide.

"If, spurning worldly pomp as vain,  
He choose to lead a joyless life,  
And wander forth from home and wife,  
He then a Buddha's rank shall gain."

He spoke, and on the infant gazed,  
When tears suffused his aged eyes;  
His bosom heaved with heavy sighs:  
Then King Buddhōdan asked, amazed—

"Say, holy man, what makes thee weep,  
And deeply sigh? Does any fate  
Malign the royal child await?  
May heavenly powers my infant keep!"

"For thy fair infant's weal no fears  
Disturb me, King," the Rishi cried;  
"No ill can such a child betide;  
My own sad lot commands my tears.

"In every grace complete, thy son  
Of truth shall perfect insight<sup>3</sup> gain.  
And far sublimer fame attain  
Than ever lawgiver has won.

"He's such a Wheel<sup>4</sup> of sacred lore  
Shall speed on earth to roll as yet  
Hath never been in motion set  
By priest, or sage, or god before.

"The world of men and gods to bless,  
The way of rest and peace to teach,  
A holy law thy son shall preach—  
A law of stainless righteousness.

"By him shall suffering men be freed  
From weakness, pain, and grief,  
From all the ills shall find relief  
Which hatred, love, illusion, breed.

"His hand shall loose the chains of all  
Who groan in fleshly bands confined;  
With healing touch the wounds shall bind  
Of those whom pain's sharp arrows gill.

"His potent words shall put to flight  
The dull array of leaden clouds  
Which helpless mortals' vision shrouds,  
And clear their intellectual sight.

"By him shall men who, now untaught,  
In devious paths of error stray,  
Be led to find a perfect way—  
To final calm<sup>5</sup> at last be brought.

"But once, O King, in many years,  
The figtree<sup>6</sup> somewhere flowers perhaps;  
So after countless ages' lapse,  
A Buddha once on earth appears.

"And now, at length, this blessed time  
Has come: for he who cradled lies  
An infant there before thine eyes  
Shall be a Buddha in his prime.

<sup>1</sup> Certain corporeal marks are supposed by Indian writers to indicate the future greatness of those children in whom they appear. Of these, thirty-two primary and eighty secondary marks are referred to in the original as being visible on Buddha's person.

<sup>2</sup> The word here, imperfectly translated, means, according to Professor H. H. Wilson's Dictionary, "reverential salutation, by circumambulating a person or object, keeping the right side towards them."

<sup>3</sup> The term here translated 'insight' is derived from the same root as the word 'Buddha,' and means 'intelligence,' or 'enlightenment.'

<sup>4</sup> The term thus rendered, *dharma-cakras*, expresses a somewhat singular figure. It denotes the 'wheel of the law,' or the 'wheel of righteousness,' or the 'wheel of religion.'

<sup>5</sup> The word in the original is *nirveda*, a term of which the sense is disputed—some scholars interpreting it to mean absolute annihilation; others explaining it as the extinction of passion, the attainment of perfect dispassion. Mr. Childers considers *nirveda* to signify active bliss on earth for a brief period, followed (upon death) by total annihilation.

<sup>6</sup> The tree referred to in the original is the Udumbara, the *Ficus glomerata*.

"Full, perfect insight gaining, he  
Shall rescue endless myriads lost  
On life's rough ocean waves, and lost,  
And grant them immortality.

"But I am old, and frail, and worn,  
I shall not live the day to see  
When this thy wondrous child shall free  
From woe the suffering world forlorn.

"Tis this mine own unhappy fate  
Which bids me mourn, and weep, and sigh;  
The Buddha's triumph now is nigh,  
But, ah! for me it comes too late!"

When thus the aged saint, inspired,  
Had all the infant's greatness told,  
The King his wondrous son extolled,  
And sang, with pious ardour fired—

"Thee, child, th' immortals worship all,  
The great Physician, born to cure  
All ills that hapless men endure;  
I, too, before thee prostrate fall."

And now—his errand done—the sage,  
Dismissed with gifts, and honour due,  
Athwart the ether swan-like flew,  
And reached again his hermitage.

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#### ANCIENT BURYING-GROUND AT MUNGAPETTA, AND CROSSES.

It is well that officers of geological surveys who are working in unfrequented districts should keep their eyes open to any prehistoric remains which may come under their notice. Mr. W. King, of the Indian Survey, has shown himself fully alive to the value of archaeological observations, by the notes which he has recently communicated to the Asiatic Society of Bengal. These notes describe a prehistoric burial-place, which he visited in the course of his geological work, near Mungapetta, in the Nizâm's dominions. The cemetery consists of an assemblage of about 150 stone cists, enclosed in megalithic rings, with four large monoliths in the shape of crosses. Each tomb is formed of four upright slabs of stone, with another for a covering-lid, the largest cist measuring 9½ feet in length by 9 feet in width, with a height of about 5 feet. The stone slab which forms the floor of each cist is hollowed into one or more cavities for reception of the bodies, which were probably embalmed. The surrounding circle of stones is in some cases 30 or 40 feet in diameter; and one of the crosses measures 14 feet in height. The cists and crosses are all of dressed stone, the material being the sandstone of the country. It is suggested by Mr. King that this burial-place is of pre-Aryan age, or belongs to Hindu-Kolarian times. Ruder remains of

similar style are scattered over the surrounding country, but the group of tombs which he describes is of special interest from the presence of the crosses, which is quite an exceptional feature.—*The Academy*, 29th December.

Mr. King observes that the crosses are distinguished from those of Christian origin by the different size of the limbs, and by the curved junction between the arms and the lower limb. Another similar cross is reported to exist in the Hazaribagh district at Basatpur, near Leiyo, in the valley of the Bikaro river. Near it there are a number of dressed memorial stones of truncate pyramidal shape.

It is not clear whether the Mungapetta group of crosses are the same with those at Katapur and Nirmal, in the Nizâm's country, described and figured at pp. 486-8 of Fergusson's *Rude Stone Monuments*. Mr. Fergusson inclined to ascribe them to a Christian origin; see too *Ind. Ant.* vol. IV. p. 306, where the same view is taken, and the circumstance of their being of dressed stone tells against their belonging to a prehistoric period. But Mr. King does not appear to regard the Mungapetta crosses as Christian, and the pyramidal memorial stones accompanying another cross are also spoken of as dressed, and they would not be claimed as Christian; the localities, too, of these crosses in only recently penetrated jungles seems against Christian derivation, and it must be remembered that the cross-shape is a pre-Christian symbol, seen on the breasts of Assyrian statues, and among the ruins of Palenque, in Mexico. Meanwhile it seems strange, considering how long these venerable Indian crosses have been known, that the question of their association has not been decided.

W.

#### NOTE.—CANARESE INSCRIPTION.

In February 1874, rambling about Chaul, the old Greek Sinaylla, (or Τίμουλα) I came upon an unfinished Śaiva temple, commenced, it was said, in memoriam of one of the Northern or Kulābā branch of the pirate house of Angria. Just to the east of this, beautifully embosomed in the cocoanut orchards, was a fine temple of the 18th century, with tank and *ghāṭis*, of which I was told the following legend:—

"In the quasi-reign of one of the earlier Peshvās a Drāvidian Brāhman dwelling at Chaul was warned in a dream, by I forget what god, that he should proceed to Pupā and demand from the Government money wherewith on this spot to dig a tank and build a temple. He obeyed, found that a corresponding dream had simultaneously visited the ruler, and faithfully applied the grant;



"and the bricks are there to this day to testify of it."

Between the temple and the cenotaph toddy-drawers were whetting their knives at the time of my visit, upon a loose slab bearing a Kanarese inscription—a thing of itself (philologically speaking) very remarkable in so thoroughly Marāṭhā a country as the North Kōṅkapa. A little money and a good deal of diplomacy enabled me to place it in the collection of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, where it has remained unheeded from that day to this, upon a landing-place, where scholars pass it every week.

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#### ABYSSINIAN KINGS.

The following is a list of the kings of Abyssinia during the greater part of five centuries from a.c. 139:—

B.C.	A.D.
139 Menilek or Ibn' Hakim reigned 29 yrs.	70 Za-Malis ... 6 yrs.
110 Za-Headedyu 1 yr.	76 Za-Hakale...13 "
98 Awda .....11 yrs.	80 Za-Demahé, 10 "
87 Za-Awsyu ... 3 "	99 Za-Awtet ... 2 "
84 Za-Tsewe...3y. 10m.	101 Za-Elawda, 30 "
80 Za-Gesyu, half a day.	131 Za-Zigen and Roma .....40 "
80 Za-Maute ...8y. 4m.	171 Za-Gufale... 1 yr.
72 Za-Bahse ... 9 yrs.	172 Za-Basi-Serk 4 yrs.
63 Kāwada..... 2 "	176 Za-Elas-guaga 76 "
61 Kanazi .....10 "	252 El-Herka ...21 "
51 Haduna ..... 9 "	273 Za-Basi Tse-wesa ..... 1 yr.
42 Za-Wasih ... 1 yr.	274 Za-Wakana . 2 days
41 Zah-dir ..... 2 yrs.	274 Za-Hadus ...4 mts.
39 Za-Awsena . 1 yr.	275 El-Segel..... 2 yrs.
38 Za-Berwas...29 yrs.	277 El-Aufeh ...14 "
9 Za-Mahasi... 1 yr.	291 El-Tsegaba 23 "
8 Za-Basi-Bazen, 16 yrs.	314 El-Ahiawya 3 "
A.D. 8 Za-Senatu, 26 "	322 El-Abreha and El-Atabeha,
34 Za-Les .....10 "	or Aizana and Saizana, bro-
44 Za-Masenh ...6 "	thers .....26½ "
50 Za-Sutowa ...9 "	
59 Za-Adgaba...10½ "	
69 Za-Agba .....6 mts.	

In the 8th year of Abreha, A.D. 390, Christianity was introduced into Abyssinia. There is some confusion in the lists as to the rulers between Tsegaba and Abreha.

Za-Hakale, who ruled A.D. 76-89, is in all proba-

bility the Zōskalēs mentioned by the author of the *Periplus Maris Erythraei*, § 5.

The Axomites are correctly distinguished from the Homerites by Philostorgius, by the appellation of Æthiopes; and Procopius (*De Belle Persico*). Cedrenus (*Hist. Comp.* p. 384, Paris, 1647), Cosmas, and John Malala (*Hist. Chronica Joannis Antioch.*, Oxon. 1691, p. 163), though all apply the word Indi to both people, confine the epithet Æthiopes to the Axomites. The term Ethiopians, too, or Itiōp-jawān, is the favourite appellation by which the Abyssinians designate themselves. (Conf. Salt's *Abyssinia*, pp. 460ff.; Ludolph, *Histor. Æthiop.* II. 4; *Corpus Inscip.* III. p. 513; Tallez, *Travels of the Jesuits*, Lond. 1710, p. 74.)

#### STÂN,—DĀGHESTĀN, &c.

It may be interesting to 'Gaikwādi' to know that a century and three quarters ago, and on the spot, Dāghestān was considered to be derived from *Ddgā*, "which in their language signifieth a mountain." My authority noted below,\* always calls it "the Dagestan," and the inhabitants "the Dagestans" or "Dagestan Tartars." He states that they spoke in his time (1722) the same language as the neighbouring Tatars of the plains.

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#### BANYANS AT ASTRAKHAN IN 1722.

The Banyans "are a sort of pagan Indians whose principal pursuit is trade, and have their factory within the city (of Astrakhan). One of their chief merchants dying at this time (1722), his widow desired leave of the emperor to burn herself with his corpse, according to the custom of their country; but his majesty, unwilling to encourage so barbarous a custom, refused her request, and the Indian factory withdrew from the city with their effects. His majesty, finding no argument could prevail on the woman to alter her resolution, at last gave them leave to do as they thought proper. The corpse, being dressed in his clothes, was carried to some little distance from the town, where a funeral pile of dry wood was raised, and the body laid upon it; before the pile were hung Indian carpets, to prevent its being seen. The wife, in her best apparel, and adorned with earrings, several rings on her fingers, and a pearl necklace, attended by a great number of Indians of both sexes, was led by a Brahman, or priest, to the

\* *Ants*, p. 27.

\* *Memoirs of Peter Henry Bruce, Esq., a Military Officer in the service of Prussia, Russia, and Great Britain*, 1 vol. 4to, London, printed for the Author's Widow, and sold by T. Payne and Son, Managato, &c., 1782. A second edition, in 1 vol. 8vo, was published by Shoppard, Collins, and Co.,

Dublin, 1783. Bruce was of Scotch descent, born in Westphalia in 1692. Among other details, he says he surveyed the Caspian for Peter the Great, and expressly mentions the Orus (4to ed., p. 314), "a river both large and rapid, and a musket-shot broad at its entrance," he flowing into that sea.

funeral pile, which on her approach was kindled; she then distributed her upper apparel and jewels among her friends and acquaintances, of whom she took her last farewell with a great deal of ceremony, and the pile being in full flame, and the carpets taken down, she leaped into the midst of

the fire; her friends then poured quantities of oil over her, which soon suffocated her, and reduced both corpses to ashes, which were carefully gathered and put into an urn, to be conveyed to their relations in India."—*P. H. Bruce's Memoirs*, 4to ed., pp. 252, 253.

### BOOK NOTICES.

*MEMOIR on the HISTORY of the TOOTH RELIC of CEYLON, with a preliminary Essay on the Life and System of Gautama Buddha.* By J. Gerson da Cunha, M.R.C.S., &c. Bombay, 1875.

Dr. Da Cunha's Memoir on the Tooth Relic of Ceylon is now two years old—which is as much as to say that in the light of later researches there is no difficulty in finding faults, particularly with the chronology. It is, however, a useful little pamphlet for any one approaching the subject as a beginner; and the conclusion, viz. that the tooth is 'bogus,' is incontrovertible except by a good Buddhist relying upon faith as against reason. The photographs, though not original, are good enough; and the index is more than we usually expect in so modest a work.

*THE ENGLISH and their MONUMENTS AT GOA.* By J. Gerson da Cunha, M.R.C.S., &c. Bombay, 1877.

Dr. Da Cunha has compiled into a pamphlet of 28 pages an account of transactions almost forgotten, although they took place within the memory of men still alive. His knowledge of the Portuguese language gives him an unusual advantage in this ground, of which he will, no doubt, be found in sole possession if the course of political events should ever bring the subject before the public.

*MODERN INDIA AND THE INDIANS: being a series of Impressions, Notes, and Essays.* By Monier Williams, D.C.L. London: Trübner & Co., 1876.

Professor Williams has collected and remodelled a number of papers communicated to this and other less exclusively Oriental periodicals in a modest octavo volume—perhaps, of all works of recent Indian tourists, that most suitable for the 'Griffin' who is not also a 'Philistine.' His long study of Oriental subjects has enabled him to assimilate and reproduce with unusual success his *impressions de voyage*; and no Old Indian who remembers how little he knew of the country after an equal time spent in it will be hypercritical in respect of the errors into which our author has here and there fallen. We are glad to see a book so different from most of the rubbish with

which the press was inundated immediately after the Prince of Wales's tour, and shall be prepared to welcome the further volume which Professor Williams promises us, as the result of his "researches into modern Indian religious life." A good many of us know too well the extreme difficulty that attends such inquiries to hope for any very important results from those of Professor Williams, conducted under the least favourable circumstances; but we can rely upon his recognition of the danger of hasty generalizations, and may fairly expect that his forthcoming volume will be suited for students of a somewhat larger growth than those for whom the present work has been written.

*THE HINDOO PILGRIMS.* By M. A. Sherring, M.A., &c. London: Trübner & Co., 1878.

The title of this work led us to expect a treatise upon the curious phenomena of the Hindu mania for pilgrimage—the contrast between isolated expeditions undertaken in consequence of a vow, or even to spend a holiday, and the lives of travel spent by regular devotees in wandering from end to end of the peninsula; the strange ceremonies of the holy places; and the legends which account for or create their sanctity. The subject would be most interesting, and Mr. Sherring has already given proof that he could deal with at least a portion of it. It is not, therefore, without considerable disappointment that we find his pilgrims and their travels a mere connecting thread for a series of legends interesting themselves, but conveyed in the most prosaic verse imaginable, and supposed to be recited over the camp fires of their nightly halting-places. Our readers would hardly thank us for samples.

*EASTERN LEGENDS and STORIES in English verse.* By Lieut. Norton Powlett. London: H. S. King & Co., 1873.

This modest little collection of poems does credit to the author, and is a good sign of the times. There is perhaps hardly a classical scholar in England who has not tried to render in verse the Odes of Horace; and the young Artillery Officer



who has made the same attempt upon tales from the *Anwar i Suhaili* and other Persian and Arabic stories was evidently not merely cramming for an examination when he sat with his Munshi. Such books, too, do some good in familiarizing the English public with the lighter forms of Oriental literature, and may stimulate a few young scholars to make themselves acquainted with the original; while the metrical talent of the translator is certainly much better employed in such exercises than in writing slangy 'Lays.' Some of the translations are very spirited; and the following extract is interesting as exemplifying a curious system of mnemonics not yet entirely superseded by the drier methods of our Government schools. The subject is a young Tatar learning his alphabet.

"He marked the ranked letters go  
In ordered lines as warriors do.  
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There Alif lifted high the spear,  
And Ha the moony shield did bear,  
And Ba his bended bow.  
The crooked sabre Lam did wield;  
And Mim, conspicuous in the field,  
His helmet crest did show."

The allusion, of course, is to the forms of the characters.

The worst fault of the book is that some of the pieces show the influence of too severe a course of the *Ingoldby Legends*, the style of which is hardly congenial to the subject.

A DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF THE GODAVERY DISTRICT, in the Presidency of Madras. By HANLEY MORRIS, formerly of the Madras Civil Service, author of "A History of India for the use of Schools in India," and other works. (London: Trübner & Co. 1878.)

It is much to be regretted that the time, trouble, and cost which have been spent on the work under notice have been almost wasted. Mr. Morris's book abridged by two-thirds and bound in paper would have been valuable to subordinate officers in the collectorate of which he has constituted himself the *vates sacer*. It contains a great bulk of tabulated returns,—which no one will ever read who has not equal access to the original materials in the Collector's office,—a great many quotations from works equally accessible to any one ever likely to want them, and no spark of original matter worth reading at all.

All this would be nothing if the book was not published in an expensive form at a first-rate publisher's, and under the supposed patronage of the India Office, instead of getting its deserts at a Secretariat press in Madras. The general public,

or even Orientalist students, can find no possible interest in the matters which seem to Mr. Morris of first-rate importance—the exact gate of a town where the police-barrack or school is situated, or the wreck of an ill-managed steamer near Cocanada, and the suspension of its skipper's certificate.

On the other hand, writing of the great Eastern Chalukya dynasty, and of their very capital (Rajamalendri), he thinks that there "would be little use in giving here the bare list of these sovereigns," though he does bestow upon the site a notice which seems to have been translated from a Tehsildar's report—a remark which applies more or less to the whole of this bulky volume except a few extracts from the Madras and India Office records. As long as any encouragement is given to the compilation of district manuals in this Philistine style the Government of India need not be surprised to find few scholars among its servants.

HISTOIRE DE L'ASIE CENTRALE depuis les dernières années du règne de Nadir Chah (1164) jusqu'en 1238 de l'Hégire (1740—1815). Par Mir Abdoul Kerim Bakhari, publiée, traduite, et annotée par Charles Schefer, premier secrétaire interprète du gouvernement pour les langues orientales, &c. &c. Paris: Ernest Leroux, 1876.

Mir Abd'ul Karim Bakhari, it appears from the preface to the translation of the work before us, was a Sayyid of Bakhari in the diplomatic service of the Amir Shah Mahmud of that Khânat. In this character he visited Kâsmir, European and Asiatic Russia, and a large part of the intervening countries. Finally, in company with Mirza Muhammad Yusef, Ambassador of Bakhari, he arrived, in September 1807, in Constantinople. In one year more he was the sole survivor of the embassy, and apparently took this as a hint from Providence that he had wandered far enough, took to himself a wife (he does not say whether he had left any at home), and settled in the village of Beshik-Tash, in Roumelia, "whereof the charms are equal to those of Paradise."

While here he became acquainted with Arif Bey, then master of the ceremonies at the Porte. For him the Mir compiled a sort of joint Gazetteer and Almanach de Gotha of Central Asia, of which a single manuscript exists. This, at the sale of the Bey's library in 1851, fortunately fell into the hands of a worthy possessor, M. Charles Schefer, who has had the text printed at Boulik, and now publishes it with a French translation, numerous and valuable notes and appendices, and a tolerable map. It is much to be regretted that there is no index—a capital fault in a work purely of reference.

The author, after a short preface, enumerates the districts of Afghânistân,<sup>1</sup> and gives tables of

<sup>1</sup> Of these he treats Laghmân, Jalâlâbâd, and one or two others which we consider extra-Indian, as 'in Hindo-

stân.' The same view may be traced in several of the earlier Musulman authors quoted in Elliot.

their revenues in rupees, and of the principal routes in *farsakhs*. He then proceeds with the history of the Saduzai dynasty, which he brings down to the date of writing, A. H. 1233 (A. D. 1817), and concludes with the question, "What will happen next?" To which the answer of Time has been strange enough.

Next follows a similar account of Bukhârâ, which is very full, the author being naturally well up in his subject. Thirdly, Khiva is described in the same way. Fourthly, Khokand, a good deal mixed up with Kâshgâr and Yârkand. Fifthly, Khurassân, Tibet, and Kâsmîr divide a chapter among them. Here ends the work of Mir Abd'ul Karim, but not that of M. Schefer, who has, to supply the deficiencies of his author, added 52 pages of appendices, consisting of translated extracts from original Asiatic works,<sup>2</sup> except only a short notice of the citadel of Kâbul taken from Masson.

Mir Abd'ul Karim seems to have been a diligent observer and collector of materials, and, when not blinded by his religious passions (like most Tajiks of the Khânates, he was a violent Sunni), to be a tolerably candid and trustworthy historian. His great fault is that he hardly ever gives a date. Several of his geographical statements are corroborated by more recent European travellers, and he deals little in the marvellous. The following account of the *Yak* seems worth transcribing:—"There is found in these mountains an ox called *Kûthâs*; it hath a great brush like a fox's, whereof the hairs are as long as those of women, and which is used in Turkistân to mount upon the *Tugh*s." These oxen are found in great numbers all along the route from Tibet to Yârkand. In Tibet they are tamed and used for burden; they work as well as buffaloes; their flesh and milk have a very sweet savour. . . . On the road to Tibet I caught a young *Kuthâs* napping, and slew him with a pistol-shot; his flesh was delicious." 'Delicious' as the *yak* veal is the Mir's brief and candid account of his sporting feat. A real Persian would have given a chapter to the chase, and finally shorn off the head of the 'mighty mountain bull' with one sweep of his *shamsker*. His historical style is equally brief and matter-of-fact, bar a few pious remarks and indifferent verses; and he gives few anecdotes.<sup>3</sup> One is introduced in illustration of the character of the Yomud Turkomâns,

on whom so much sympathy has of late been expended. Abd'ul Karim would have wasted little on them; he calls them 'perverse briganda,' whose habits 'reminded him of those of the Janissaries' (it will be remembered that he wrote for an officer of the court of Maḥmûd the Reformer), and says, "A preacher was describing paradise. There was in the congregation a certain Turk, and quoth he, 'Do they go on *alamân* (foray) there?' 'No,' was the answer. 'Then,' retorted the Turk, 'would I liefer be in hell.' The Yomuds are of his opinion." A much worse infidel, however, was 'Alam Khân of Khokand, whose seal illustrates M. Schefer's title-page. "It is related," says the Mir, "that a certain Shaikh had many disciples in Khokand, and asserted that his holy life had procured him the privilege of revelation, and the power of thaumaturgy. One day, 'Alam Khân, who was sitting by a cistern,' bade stretch a rope across it and call the Shaikh. The latter came, with some disciples, and sat down before the Khân. After a short time, 'Alam Khân said, 'O Shaikh! Shortly, on the day of resurrection, thou wilt pass thy disciples over the bridge *Al Sirat*, under which is hell. At present do thou walk along this rope, that I may be witness to one of thy miracles.'" The Shaikh protested, the Khân insisted; and the end of it was that the holy man made the attempt, failed ignominiously, and got not only a ducking, but such a thrashing, in the character of a detected impostor, that he died of the effects. "Whenever 'Alam Khân caught a dervish he seized him and set him to drive camels." This irreligious prince, naturally, was dethroned and murdered by his brother and uncle.

We give the following genealogies of the reigning families:—

The House of Saduzai is said by Abd'ul Karim to have come from Multân. Though they were certainly powerful there during the time of the last Nawâbs and the Sikhs, this is unlikely, and it is more probable that their settlement there dates from 1731 A.D., when Nâdir Shâh banished their chiefs thither.<sup>4</sup>

The following is the genealogy of the family:—

Zamân Khân Abdâli Durâni Saduzai came from Afghânistân proper to Herât about 1708, and joined his tribesman Asad u'lla Khân,<sup>5</sup> governor of Herât for Shâh Husain

<sup>2</sup> To wit, Khurassân, from the *Fihrist u'l Tawdrikh* of Risâ Kuli Khân, tom. IX.; Turkistân (Khokand), from the end of the *Tarikh-i Ahmad* of Munshi Muhammad Abd'ul Karim; Turkistân and Desht (i kiptchak) from the *Jahân Nâmâ* of Hâjl Khalifa; the Kalmaqs, Tibet, Kâshgâr, the Kasaks, and Tura, from Saïd's *History of the Kings of Hind, Sind, Khits, Khoten, &c.*

<sup>3</sup> *Tugh* = the famous 'horse-tails' of Tatar armies.

<sup>4</sup> On the other hand he records the devices of a great many coins and seals.

<sup>5</sup> Probably one of those which are common in court-yards and gardens all over the East. The locale indicates that the Khân was taking his ease, and very likely drunk.

<sup>6</sup> Elphinstone's *Hist.* (1st ed.) p. 342.

<sup>7</sup> Elphinstone calls him Abd'ulâ.



Safāvi; killed about or after 1760. His brother was Muhammad Khān.

Zamān Khān's sons were: (1) Zu'lfiḳar Khān—end uncertain. (2) Aḥmad Khān, afterwards Aḥmad Shāh, became chief of the tribe; followed Nādir, founded the Durāni empire on Nādir's death in 1747; died at Murgha, Toha hills, Achakzai country, June 1773. He had eight sons:—

(1) Timur Shāh, succeeded 1773, died 20th May 1793 at Kābul.

(2) Suleimān made an abortive attempt to secure the succession, and was imprisoned for life in the Bala Hissar or citadel of Kābul, where he died about 1796, leaving four sons.

(3) Maḥmūd, (4) Gohar, (5) Humāyūn,—all died in confinement in the citadel of Kābul.

(6) Sikandar—strangled in the citadel of Kābul, in consequence of a plot in his favour, 1779. (Elphinstone, however, says he was spared.)

(7) Darāb—escaped from the Bala Hissar with other confined princes about 1809, but afterwards returned to Kābul of his own accord, and died there before 1813.

(8) Shahāb—was alive at Kābul in 1818.

Timur Shāh had 300 wives, all foreigners; the seraglio was maintained on the revenues of Jelālābād, amounting to four lakhs of rupees per annum. He had thirty-six sons:—

(1) Humāyūn, endeavoured to succeed his father, defeated by his brother Shujā 1793, captured near Leia 1795, blinded and confined in the citadel of Kābul. His son Aḥmad was killed in battle 1793.

(2) Maḥmūd, assumed royalty in Herāt on his father's death in 1793; expelled by Shāh Zamān 1797; returned and expelled Shāh Zamān 1800; expelled by Shāh Shujā 1803; escaped from Kābul in the same year; returned and reconquered the kingdom 1808-9; was still in power 1813 (P). Had one son, Kamrān, who was in power in Herāt in 1841.

(3) Zamān, succeeded his father 1793; de-throned and blinded 1800; was in Baghdād in 1817. He had four sons,—Kaisar, murdered in prison by his cousin Kamrān 1800; Haidar, Mānsur, and Fāghfūr.

(4) Shujā, expelled and succeeded Maḥmūd 1803; expelled by him 1809; returned with the English; defeated and murdered by his nephew Sulṭān Jān 1841 (P).<sup>a</sup>

(5) Firṭaṣ u'd-dīn, turned out of Herāt 1797; regained it; defeated by the Persians at Chade

1807; made prisoner and confined in the citadel of Kābul 1816. Had one son, Malik Kāsim, and a daughter who poisoned herself rather than marry a Shiah, 1807.

(6) Abbas: Abdu'l Karim says he was remarkable for courage, strength, and skill in the use of the sword. Strangled in prison in the citadel of Kābul, under Zamān Shāh.

(7) Shāpur, poisoned in the citadel of Kābul. These two princes were children of the daughter of Sharbat 'Alī Khān Jindawūl, Kazalāsh, the chief Sulṭāna of Timur. Abdu'lla Khān, styled Jān Nisar Khān, governor of the citadel, paid improper addresses to her in the time of Zamān Shāh. Shāpur stabbed Jān Nisar to avenge his mother's honour, and was murdered in consequence at the same time with her and Abbas.<sup>b</sup>

(8) Jahān Wālā; (9) Ayub; (10) Haseen; (11) Hamid; (12) Gohar; (13) Kaisar; (14) Akbar; (15) Alamgir; (16) Aḥmad; (17) Yakub; (18) Salīm; (19) Fāghfūr; (20) Jahān; (21) Shāh Rukh; (22) Muhammad; (23) 'Usmān; (24) 'Umar; (25) Kanvar; (26) Rustam; (27) Daryā Dīl; (28) Kohan Dīl; (29) Rahmat; (30) Farukh; (31) Anrangzib; (32) Sāhir; (33) Tipā; (34) Darāb; (35) Zakariā; (36) not named. Abdu'l Karim says that the 35 survived their father.

Names of the Amirs murdered by Zamān Shāh and his vazir, Rahmat u'lla Khān Saduzai, in 1799, which massacre led to Zamān's downfall:—

(1) Payanda Khān Bārakzai,<sup>c</sup> father of Fateh Khān, Dost Muhammad, and 20 others, and grandfather of Sher 'Alī Khān now reigning.

(2) Hukumat Khān, governor of Balkh.

(3) Rahim Dād Khān, (4) Kamar u'd-dīn Khān, (5) Amir Arslan Khān, (6) Jāfir Khān, (7) Shakar Khān Jindawūl.

(8) The son of Mir Hazar Khān 'Alīkuzai, (9) Muhammad A'zam Khān, (10) Zamān Khān, (11) Zabād Beg 'Alīkuzai, (12) Rahim Khān Nārazai, (13) Aḥmad Khān Panāi.

#### Mangit Dynasty of Bukhārā.

Khudayar Beg, Mangit Uzbek, claimed descent from Toktamish, who was defeated by Timur Lang. Had two sons;—(1) the father of—

I. Muhammad Rahim Beg, an officer in the service of Nādir Shāh, detached by him to assist Abu'l Faiz Khān valad Subhān Kuli Khān—a chief of the White Bone ruling as Nādir's tributary in Bukhārā—against Ibadu'lla Khān, an Uzbek plunderer. On hearing of Nādir's death

Mukhtar u'd-daula; rebelled against him afterwards, and was killed in action. His son Atta Muhammad was viceroy of Kāsimir for Shāh Shujā after the death of Abdu'lla Khān. He made himself practically independent, but was eventually conquered by a joint invasion of Ranjit Sing and Fateh Khān valad Payanda Khān Bārakzai (his own maternal uncle).

<sup>a</sup> But see Vincent Eyre's account for this last event.

<sup>b</sup> Abdu'l Karim contradicts himself about this, saying in one place that Abbas was spared; and in another that he was strangled, which is more likely.

<sup>c</sup> Shāh Wali Khān Bārakzai was vazir to Shāh Aḥmad. His son Sher Muhammad took a principal part in enthroning Shāh Shujā, and was vazir to him; is called by Elphinstone

(1747) he dethroned and expelled Abu'l Faiz, and seized the sovereignty. Issue—two daughters. (1) married to Abdu'l Momin waled Abu'l Faiz, who was murdered by Muhammad Rahim: she had a son. (2) The other daughter had also a son.

II. Dānyāl Beg, succeeded his nephew Muhammad Rahim Beg. He had ten sons:—

III. (1) Shāh Murād Beg, Amir Ma'sum, superseded and succeeded his father, June 1784.

(2) Mahmud Beg, living in exile in Khokand in 1818.

(3) Umar Beg and (4) Fāzil Beg, put to death with their families by their nephew Amir Haider Turé.

IV. (4) Sultān Murād Beg, died at Mas-kāt on the *Haj*, 1803. He had three sons (*see inf.*).

(5) Rustam Beg, died at Bukhārā.

(6) Ganj 'Alī Beg, alive in 1818.

(7) Rajab 'Alī Beg: insane.

(8) Toktmish Beg, died at Kābul in the reign of Timur Shāh; i.e. before 1793.

Shāh Murād Beg had three sons:—

V. Sayyid Haider Turé, styled Amir Sayyid,<sup>4</sup> succeeded his father Sultān Murād Beg 1803. He had six sons:—

(1) Muhammad Hussain, by a Sayyid lady.

VI. (2) Bahādur Khān Nasiru'lla succeeded his father 1826. He murdered Stoddart and Conolly. His son—

VII. Muzaffar u'd-dīn succeeded him 1860.

(3) Abdu'lla, (4) Umar,—sons of a slave woman.

(5) Zūbair.

(6) Jahāngīr, son of a lady of the Khwājahs of Juibar.

Din Nasir Beg, second son of Sultān Murād Beg (*supra*), was an exile in Russia in 1818. Muhammad Hussain Beg, third son, an exile at Shahr-i Sabz.

#### *Kungusāt Dynasty of Khiva.*

I. Ahmad Beg Ināk (=chief) of the Kungusāt' Uzbaks in 1717 (period of Bakovitch Chertaski's expedition), had at least one son,—

II. Muhammad Amin Beg, succeeded 1756, had sons,—

(1) Fāzil Beg, blind from disease, was alive in 1818, and

III. (2) 'Iwas, succeeded his father, died in 1804.

IV. (3) Iltāzar, succeeded Ivās; superseded the Khāns of the White Bone, under whom his predecessors had been *waives du palais*, and was the first Kungusāt Khān killed in battle, with Amir Haider Turé of Bukhārā.

(4) Muhammad Rahim, succeeded Iltāzar; was still reigning in 1818.

(5) Niyās Muhammad and (6) Muhammad Rizā, put to death by Muhammad Rahim before 1818.

(7) Jān Murād and (8) Hassan Murād, killed with Iltāzar in 1806.

(9) Muhammad Niyās, died a natural death before 1818. (10) Kutli Murād, alive in 1818.

#### *Uzbek Dynasty of Khokand.*

I. Nar Bāta Beg, Uzbek, governed Khokand in the time of Shāh Murād of Bukhārā. Did not strike money or put his name in the *khutba* subsidized by the Emperor of China. Had three sons:—

II. (1) 'Alam Beg, succeeded him, struck money and read the *khutba* in his own name; had one son,—Shāhrakh, murdered by his uncle 'Umar Beg.

III. (2) 'Umar Beg, defeated, killed, and succeeded 'Alam Khān. Still reigning in 1818.

3. Rustam Beg, murdered by his brother 'Alam.

Of a different character was the pious Shāh Murād, our author's own first patron. He was the son of a rough but good-tempered soldier, Dānyāl Beg, Amir of Bukhārā, who was so lost to all sense of religion that he allowed Persians openly to smoke 'hubble-bubbles' in the court and city. Horrified at this and similar enormities, Shāh Murād became the disciple of a Shaikh, who imposed upon him during his novitiate the duties of a bazār porter. From this point on, his career presents a singular analogy with that of the hypocrite Aurangzib. The penitent waded through blood and intrigue, till he superseded his good-tempered sinner of a father. Only—to the credit of both be it spoken—the father exacted, and the son kept, an oath not to shed the blood of his brethren. This was an isolated instance of mercy in the history of Shāh Murād, and indeed in the whole book, in which almost every page has its tale of blood or treachery, related as naively as the surprise of the Yak calf, and often immediately before or after a general certificate of the virtues of the 'first murderer.' It is not the province of a scientific journal to digress upon the politics of the day, but the student of history may be permitted to regard with satisfaction the fate of these cut-throat little dynasties, which are now falling, one after another, under the heavy hand of a civilized power.

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<sup>4</sup> Haider Turé was the son of a lady of Abu'l Faiz Khān's family, which must have been Sayyid, as he thus styles himself for the first time in the pedigree.

<sup>5</sup> Kungusāt, i.e. Chestnut Horse, was the name of a great Mongol clan under Jenghis Khān, probably inherited from them by the Uzbek tribe.



## SANSKRIT AND OLD CANARESE INSCRIPTIONS.

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(Continued from p. 226.)

## No. XLVI.

THE copper-plate grant, of which a revised transcription and translation are now given, has been published by Professor J. Dowson at *Jour. R. As. Soc.*, New Series, Vol. 1., p. 247. It appears that this grant,—with two of the Gûrjara king Dadda II. or Prasântarâga, and one more, the details of which are not specified,—was found, about A.D. 1827, in the town of Khêdî or Kaira. "The river 'Watrui' runs close to the walls on the north-west side, and was the cause of the discovery, by washing down the walls and earth." The original now belongs to the Royal Asiatic Society's Library, whence I obtained it to edit from.

The plates are two in number, about 13½" long by 8½" broad. Their edges are slightly raised, so as to form a rim to protect the writing. They are pierced with holes for two rings; but the rings are not now forthcoming, and I cannot trace any mention of them, or of the seal that must have been on one of them. The language is Sanskrit. The characters are radically the same as, and differ but very little from, those of the early Chalukya and Kadamba copper-plate grants which I have published in this Journal. The chief points of difference are:—1, The letters are slightly cursive, which is not the case in the earliest grants from the south;—2, The vowel *ê*, as attached to a consonant, is carried rather lower down than in the southern grants, and the curve is sometimes continued up to the consonant again, e.g., in *anayê*, l. 3, *nyâyêna*, l. 10, and *viriddhayê*, l. 11; and the same remark applies to the lower stroke of *ai*, e.g., in *Vaiśākha*, l. 11;—3, The subscribed *v* is more like a subscribed *y* cut short, as with the subscribed *v* and *cā* in the grant of Dêvavarmâ at p. 33 above;—and 4, The *śa* has a more decided horizontal top-stroke than it has in the southern grants.—It is also to be remarked that the rule of doubling consonants after the letter *r* is not adhered to as regularly as in the southern grants. The *Anuvâda* is written above the line.

The charter is issued from the victorious camp at the city of Vijayapura, a place which I do not know. The grant is made by Vijayarâja', the son of Buddhavarmâ, who was the son of Jayasimha of the Chalukya family. It confers the village of Pariyaya upon the priests and religious students of Jambûsara. This is the modern Jambûsar, almost in a direct line between Kaira and Broach, about fifty miles to the south by east of Kaira, and twenty-five miles to the north by west of Broach. I cannot identify Pariyaya. The grant is dated in the year three hundred and ninety-four, on the day of the full-moon, or the fifteenth day of the bright fortnight, of the month Vaiśākha.

The date is first given in words in l. 32, and is then repeated in figures in l. 34, where we have the numerical symbols for 800 and 90 and 4, whereby to express the year, and for 10 and 5, whereby to express the lunar day. The symbols used here agree, except the 4 and the 5, with the Valabhlî and Chalukya numerals given by Paṇḍit Bhagwānlâl Indrajî in the table that accompanies his paper *On the Ancient Nâgarî numerals* at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 42. As in the instances given by him, the lower part of the 4 is the letter *ka*. It is difficult to say what the upper part is meant for; but it certainly is not *âa*, *sha*, or *h*, and it resembles *ya* more than any other letter, though it is not exactly the *ya* of the rest of the inscription. The symbol for 5 is theoretically the same symbol that is given by him. He gives three forms of the Valabhlî 5, and remarks that "the first figure is clearly *trâ*," and,—on the assumption that "the loop" [which introduced a varying form of the *ta*] "was no doubt caused by hasty writing,"—that "the following two signs, which look like *nd*, are mere corruptions of *trâ*." But, as will be further exemplified by the recurrence of the same symbol in a slightly different form in No. XLVII. below, it is really *nd*; and the Paṇḍit's erroneous explanation of it is due to his having had before him three instances in which the

<sup>1</sup> He is called Vijayavarmâ in l. 7 of the cancelled inscription on the back of these plates, No. XLVII. below. With this we may compare 'Kirtîrâja' as a varying form,

in one of the Nârâ plates, of the name of the Chalukya king Kirtivarmâ I.

form of the *sa* used in composing it was the form with a loop, whereas in the present instance the form used is, as throughout the body of the inscription, that without the loop. Originally, neither the *ta* nor the *sa* was formed with a loop; but in later times the distinguishing feature of the two letters was that, in the south the *ta* was formed with a loop and the *sa* without, whereas in the north, as is clearly shown by the modern *Dēvanāgarī*, though not so clearly by the modern *Baṅgālī*, alphabet, the process was the reverse of this, and the *sa* was developed by the loop, while the *ta* retained substantially its original form without a loop. In intermediate times there appears to have been considerable hesitation in determining the distinguishing forms of *ta* and *sa*, and the same forms were used for each other indifferently; see, for instance, my remarks at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. V., p. 176, note †. In his paper referred to above, the Paṇḍit remarks of the symbol for 4, that "the lower part always shows the figure of that form of *ka* which is used in the alphabet of the period." The same rule applies to the symbol for 5; whichever form of the *sa* is used in the body of the inscription, the same form is used in the *sa* employed to represent the 5.

The era to which the date of this grant is to be referred is not stated. Prof. Dowson took the use of the word *saivatsara* by itself as indicating that the era referred to was that of the *Saivrat* of *Vikrama*, and he read the date as *Vikrama-Saivrat* 394, or A.D. 338. But Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅg, in a dissertation on this same grant in his paper *On a new Chalukya copper plate* at *Jour. Bo. Br. E. As. Soc.*, Vol. X., p. 348, points out,—that *saivatsara* is a common word for 'year,' and refers to no particular era whatever,—that even the word *saivrat*, an abbreviation of *saivatsara*, is not by any means used to designate exclusively the era of *Vikrama*,—and that such of the other known grants of the *Chalukya* dynasty, as bear any date at all, are expressly dated in the *Śaka* era. On these grounds, he draws the conclusion that the era intended in the present grant, also, is that of the *Śaka*. In addition to the reasons brought forward by him, I have to adduce the following. In the comparison of the *Gūrjara* family with the ocean; in the titles of some of the officials addressed; in some of the conditions and privileges attached to the grants; in the

names of many of the grantees; in the address to future kings on the subject of continuing the grants; and in their characters, closely allied, though with distinctive features of their own,—the two *Kaira* grants of *Dadda II.*, given with facsimiles in Prof. Dowson's paper, bear so close a resemblance to the present grant of *Vijayarāja* that, being grants of a different dynasty, they must be almost synchronous with it, and very possibly all three grants were composed by one and the same person. These two *Kaira* grants of *Dadda II.* are dated in the same way in words and in figures, one in the year 380, and the other in the year 385; and here, again, the word *saivatsara* is used without any specification of the era to which it refers. In their case, however, this point is made quite clear by a third grant of *Dadda II.*, from *Ilāḍ*, published by Professor R. G. Bhāṇḍārkar at *Jour. Bo. Br. E. As. Soc.*, Vol. X., p. 19, which, like Prof. Dowson's two grants, was written by *Rōva*, the High Minister for peace and war, and which is dated, in words only, in specifically the year 417 of the *Śaka* era; the expression in the original, in l. 18, is,—*Śaka-nṛipa-kāl-ātīta-saivachchha(śa)ra-śa-ta-chaturjaye saptadaś-ādhiḥ*. And the same precise specification of the era, in words only,—*Śaka-nṛipakāl-ātīta-saivatsara-śa-ta-chaturjaye*, i.e., 'in (the year) 400 of the years that had expired in the era of the *Śaka* king',—is given in l. 22 of a fourth grant of *Dadda II.*, from *Umētā*, published, with facsimile, by Dr. Bühler at p. 61 above. On all these grounds, there can be no doubt that the same era is the one intended in the present grant of *Vijayarāja*. The date of it, therefore, is *Śaka* 394 (A.D. 472-3), and it is the earliest *Chalukya* grant that we as yet know of.

After expressing their opinions as to the date, Prof. Dowson and Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅg have entered into lengthy disquisitions with the object of making the genealogy and date of this *Chalukya* grant from the north fit in, in direct lineal succession, with the genealogy and dates of the other *Chalukya* grants from the south. Their views are so radically wrong on this point, that it is undesirable to allow them to remain without refutation. To enable me to refute them, I must point out the errors on which they are fundamentally based. In doing so, I must be held excused for occupying



space and attention with matter which would otherwise be quite foreign to the subject in hand. Their remarks extend over a considerable portion of the Chalukya genealogy; but it will suffice for me to confine myself here to the first three generations.

As originally given by Sir Walter Elliot in his paper *On Hindu Inscriptions*, first published at *Jour. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. IV., p. 1, and afterwards reprinted with corrections and emendations at *Madras Jour. Lit. and Sc.*, Vol. VII., p. 193, the genealogy commences with,—

Jayasimha I.  
|  
Rajaraga, or (?) Rajasimha.  
|  
Pulakesi I.  
(Saka 411.)

At a later period, in his second paper on *Numismatic Gleanings* at *Madras Jour. Lit. and Sc.*, New Series, Vol. IV., p. 75, he inserted another step, and commenced the genealogy with,—

Jayasimha I., or Vijayaditya I.  
|  
Rajaraga, Rajasimha, or Vishnupardhana I.  
|  
Vijayaditya II.  
|  
Pulakesi I.  
(Saka 411.)

And in the same paper he gives the following narrative:—"Previous to the arrival of the first Chalukya in the Dekkan, the Pallavas were the dominant race. In the reign of Trilochana-Pallava, an invading army, headed by Jayasimha, surnamed Vijayaditya, of the Chalukya-kula, crossed the Nerbudda, but failed to secure a permanent footing. Jayasimha seems to have lost his life in the attempt; for, his queen, then pregnant, is described as flying after his death, and taking refuge with a Brahman called Vishnu-Sumayaji, in whose house she gave birth to a son named Rajasimha, who subsequently assumed the titles of Rajaraga and Vishnupardhana. On attaining to man's estate, he renewed the contest with the Pallavas, in which he was finally successful, cementing his power by a marriage with a princess of that race, and transmitting the kingdom thus founded to his posterity.

His son and successor was named Pulakesi I.; and his son was Vijayaditya. A copper *laksana*, recording a grant made by Pulakesi I. which bears date Saka 411 or A.D. 489, is extant in the British Museum." There is a mistake here in the fifth sentence, which makes Pulakesi the son of Rajaraga, and Vijayaditya the son of Pulakesi. The genealogy represents correctly the order of succession that was intended.

Starting with this second genealogy of Sir Walter Elliot, including A.D. 489 as the date of Pulakesi I.; assuming that the Jayasimha of the Kaira grant, and the Jayasimha of Sir Walter Elliot, were one and the same person; interpreting the date of the Kaira grant as Vikrama-Samvat 394, the consequence of which was that, "the date of this grant being A.D. 338, a period of about two hundred years intervenes between Jayasimha and the grant of Pulakesi I. in A.D. 489, and to fill up this period Sir Walter Elliot gives only three names, Pulakesi I. standing fourth in the list"; and making the assumption, quite opposed to fact except in the case of a few documents which show their own want of value, that "the loose and varying nature of the genealogies in these grants" is such that "it would seem, indeed, that the word 'son' meant nothing more than 'descendant' in many cases, and that the writers, either from ignorance or from utter indifference to the truth, frequently confined themselves to the recital of some of the more prominent and best-remembered names", and, again, that "the order of the names is sometimes found inverted, and other discrepancies are met with which show that the Chalukyas were but poorly informed about the history of their line";—Prof. Dowson deduces the following genealogy,—

Jayasimha I., or Vijayaditya I.  
|  
Buddhavarmā  
|  
Vijayaraja (A.D. 338)  
|  
Rajasimha, Rajaraga, or Vishnupardhana I.  
|  
Vijayaditya II.  
|  
Pulakesi I. (A.D. 489.)

Starting with the same second genealogy of

Sir Walter Elliot, but rejecting 'Vijayāditya' as a second name of Jayasimha, and 'Rājasimha' and 'Vishṇuvardhana' as second names of Raṇarāga; making the same assumption with Prof. Dowson as to the identity of the two Jayasimhas; interpreting the date of the Kaira grant as Śaka 394; and concluding "from the substantial identity of the names, and from the agreement of the dates, that the Vijayarāja of the Kaira grant is the same person as the Vijayāditya [II.] of Sir Walter Elliot's list"—Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅ deduces the following genealogy,—

Jayasimha I.  
|  
Buddhavarman, or Raṇarāga.  
|  
Vijayarāja, or Vijayāditya I. (Śaka 394.)  
|  
Pulakēśi I. (Śaka 411.)

I have now published the British Museum plates as No. XLIV. of this Series, and have given in detail ample reasons for holding conclusively that the grant is a forgery of not earlier than the tenth century A.D. I have shown at the same time that, though it is just

possible, if we assume Śaka 411 to be the very first year of his reign, yet it is hardly probable, that the date given in it is the correct date for Pulakēśi I. I am willing, however, to concede that the forgers of the grant may have hit upon the correct date.

'Rājasimha', as a second name of Raṇarāga, which Sir Walter Elliot himself accepted with hesitation, is based only on a mistaken rendering of a passage in the British Museum plates, to which I have drawn attention in my paper on them.

The additional name and titles in Sir Walter Elliot's amended list are founded on the narrative passage which I have quoted. The original of this narrative is in a copper-plate grant of Rājarāja II., one of the Chōla successors of the Eastern Chalukya kings, who, according to the grant, ascended the throne in Śaka 944. I have now examined the original plates. The grant commences with the mention of Nārāyaṇa or Viṣṇu, from the water-lily which grew in whose navel Svayambhū or Brahmā was born. It then traces the genealogy, after the Purāṇic fashion, from Brahmā, through Attri and the moon, down to Udayana. It then continues:—

Text.

(Pl. II., a; l. 19).—Tataḥ param tat-prabhṛtiśhv=a-vichchhinna-[sa\*]atānēśhv=Ayōdhyā-  
isabhasan-āśnēśhv=śkād=na\* shashti-chakravarttiśhu tad-vamśyō Vijayādityō nāma  
rāj-āpajigishayā dakṣhiṇāpatham gatvā Trilōchana-Pallavam=adhikshipya daiva-durīhayā  
lē(15)k-āntaram-agamat ([\*]) Tasmin=samkulō purōhitēna sārddham=antarvratni tasya  
mahādēvi Mudivēnu-nām-āgrahāram katipayābhīr=antahpura-kāntābhīh kamchukibhiś=cha  
sah-ōpagamya tad-vāstavyēna Viṣṇubhaṭṭa-sōmayājina dūhitrī-nivvi(rvi)śēsham=abhirakṣitā  
satī Viṣṇuvarddhana=nandanam=asūta ([\*]) Sā tasya cha kumārakasya Mānavyasagōtra-  
Hārītiputra-dvi-pakṣa-gōtra-vra(kra)m-ōchitāni karmāpi kārayitvā tam=avaddha(rddha)yat  
([\*]) Sa cha mātrā viditā-vṛttāntas=san=nirggatya Chalukya-giran Nandām bhagavatīm  
Gaurim=ārādhyā Kumāra-Nārāyaṇa-Mātrigaṇāmāś=cha samtapya(rpya) ēvētāpatr-aikāśamkha-  
pachamahāśabda-pālikētana-pratījakkā-varāhalāmbhāna-piṇchha(pichchha)-kuntha(nṭa)-sīrhāsana-  
makarātōraṇa-kanakāraṇja-Gaṅgā-Yamun-ādini sva-kula-kram-āgatāi nikṣipta(ptā)n=iva  
sāmbrā(rā)jya-chihnāni samādāya Kṛṣṇa(da)mba-Gaṅg-ādi-bhūmipān=nirjjitya Sēta-Narmmadā-  
madhyam s-ārdha-sapta-lakṣaṇa dakṣhiṇāpatham pālayām-āsa ([\*]) Ślōkḥ ([\*])  
Tasy=āśid=Vijayādityō Viṣṇuvarddhana-bhūpatēh Pallav-ānvaya-jātāyā mahādēvyāś=cha  
nandanāh ([\*]) Tat-sutaḥ Polakēśi-Vallabhāh ([\*]) Tat-putra(trah) Kīrttivarmmā ([\*]) Tasya  
tanayāh ([\*]) Svasti Śrīmatāh sakala-bhuvana-saṁstūyamāna-Ma(mā)navya-sagōtrāpām Hārīti-  
putrāpāh Kauśiki-vara-prasāda-labdhā-rājyānām=Mātri-gaṇa-paripālītānām- Sva(svā)mi-Mahāsēna-  
pād-ānudhyātānām bhagavan-Nārāyaṇa-prā(pra)śāda-sama(mā)śādita-vara-varāha-lāmbhāna-  
kṣhāṇa-vāśīkṛit-ārāti-maṇḍalānām=śvāmādh-āśv(va)bhṛita(tha)-anāna-pavitrikṛita-vapushām Chālu-  
kyānām kulam=alankarishpōs=Satyāśraya-Vallabhēndrasya bhṛtā Kubja-Viṣṇuvarddhanō  
chātāśa varaha(rubā)ni Vengī-dēśam=apa(pā)layat ([\*])

\* The usual reading would be *śk-śna-shashti*; by Prof. Monier Williams *śkād=na śhashti* is Vēdic Sanskrit.



## Translation.

"After that, sixty emperors less by one, commencing with him, in unbroken lineal succession, having sat on the throne of Ayôdhyâ, a king of his lineage, Vijayâditya by name, went to the region of the south from a desire for conquest, and, having attacked Trilôchana-Pallava, lost his life through the evil influence of fate. While he was in difficulties, his queen, who was pregnant, came with the family-priest and with a few of the women of her bed-chamber and with her chamberlains to the *agrahâra*-(village) named Mudivâmu, and, being cherished just like a daughter by Vishṇubhaṭṭa-Sômayâji who dwelt there, brought forth a son, Vishṇuvardhana. And, having caused to be performed the rites of that prince, such as were befitting to his descent from the two-sided *gâtra* of the lineage of Mânava and of the sons of Hârîti, she reared him. And he, being instructed in history by his mother, went forth, and,—having worshipped Nandâ, the holy Gaurî, on the Chalukya mountain\*; and having appeased Kumâra and Nârâyana and the Mothers (of mankind); and having assumed the emblems of universal empire which had descended to him by the succession of his family, and which had been, as it were, (voluntarily) laid aside, (viz.) the white umbrella, and the single conch-shell, and the five great sounds (of musical instruments), and the banner of the sword-edge, and the *pratidakṣâ*†, and the sign of the boar, and the (banner of the) feathers of peacocks' tails, and the (banner of the) spear, and the throne, and the garland in the form of a sea-monster, and the golden sceptre, and the (signs of the river) Gaṅgâ and the (river) Yamunâ, and other (such emblems); and having conquered the Kadambas and the Gaṅgas and other kings,—he ruled over the region of the south, lying between the Bridge (of Râma) and the (river) Narmadâ, and containing

seven and a half *crores* (of villages). The son of king Vishṇuvardhana, and of his queen who was born in the family of the Pallavas, was Vijayâditya. His son was Polakôṣi-Vallabha. His son was Kirttivarmâ. His son,—Hail!, Kubja-Vishṇuvardhana,—the (younger) brother of Satyâkâra-Vallabhendra who adorned the family of the Châlukyas, who are glorious, and who are of the lineage of Mânava which is praised over the whole world, and who are the descendants of Hârîti, and who acquired dominion through the excellent favour of Kausîki, and who have been nourished by the assemblage of the Mothers (of mankind), and who have meditated on the feet of Svâmi-Mahâsêna, and who have had the territories of their enemies made subject to them on the instant at the sight of the sign of the boar which they acquired through the favour of the holy Nârâyana, and whose bodies have been purified by ablutions performed after celebrating horse-sacrifices,—ruled over the country of Vaṅgi for eighteen years."

After this passage, the inscription continues the genealogy, in the usual style of the Eastern Chalukya grants, down to Râjarâja II., who seems to have also borne the name of Vishṇuvardhana.

It will be seen at once that the names of Jayasîmha, Râjâsîmha, and Raparâga are not mentioned at all in this grant; and that it is only by pure supposition that the first Vijayâditya of this grant is to be identified with Jayasîmha, and the first Vishṇuvardhana with Raparâga, and that the second Vijayâditya is to be inserted between Raparâga and Pulikôṣi I. If any such identification of persons had to be made at all, the simpler and more natural course would be, to identify the second Vijayâditya (the father of Pulikôṣi by this grant) with Raparâga (the father of Pulikôṣi).

\* Adhikâshipya; lit., 'having insulted.'

† Lit., 'went to another world.'

\* This mountain seems to exist only in the imagination of the composer of this inscription.

\* This must be some variety of drum (*dhakṣâ*). The emblems on the seal of this grant,—which has been wrongly attached in printing to the forged grant of Vikramâditya I., No. XLV. above,—are:—In the upper compartment, a boar facing to the proper left, with the sun, moon, two umbrellas, a double drum, a conch-shell, and something

close to the moon that may be the head of a spear (*śulka*); in the centre, the motto *Śrî-Trîbhuvanâmbika*; and in the lower compartment, a floral device which is probably a lotus, an elephant-goad, a sceptre (*kanaka-danda*), and something like the letter *ga*, which may be the *makara-śruva*, or may be the *padî-śrîṅga* (see p. 111, note 25), if we take *padî* in the sense of 'bridge.'

\* We have here the later form of the name, which is properly used only by the Western Châlukyas after the restoration of their dynasty; see the introductory remarks to No. XLIV., para. 6.

kôśi by other grants),—to identify the first Viṣṇuvardhana with Jayasimha,—and to insert the first Vijayāditya at the head of the genealogy, as the newly discovered father of Jayasimha. But the authentic portion of this grant,—authentic as being copied from other similar grants of the same dynasty,—only commences with the words *Svasti Śrīmatāh, &c.*, in Plate II., b; l. 31. All that precedes is a mere *farrago* of vague tradition and Purāṇic myths, of no authority, based on the undoubted facts that the Chālukyas did come originally from the north, and did find the Pallavas in possession of some of the territories afterwards acquired by themselves, and on a tradition of the latter Kādambas that the founder of their family was named Trilōchana or Trinētra. Quoting the *Mackenzie Collection*, Mr. Rice, in his *Gazetteer of Mysore and Coorg*, Vol. I., p. 204, tells us that “A Trinētra-Pallava is said to have introduced Brāhmins into his territory; but, as this event is placed eleven thousand years a.c., it may be dismissed as a fabrication.” I know of no other grounds for allotting the name of Trilōchana or Trinētra to any member of the Pallava family.

Accordingly,—expunging ‘Rājasimha’ as a second name of Raṇarāga, and marking the date of Śaka 411, allotted to Pulikēśi I., as rather doubtful,—Sir Walter Elliot’s first list of the first three generations is the one that stands correct. It was based then only on the plates in the British Museum and on the Yēwūr tablet. It has now the authority of the Aihole inscription at Vol. V., p. 67.

As it is thus apparent that there are no grounds for taking ‘Vijayāditya’ as the name, or as a name, of the father of Pulikēśi I., Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅg’s proposal,—evidently based chiefly on the supposed similarity\* of the name of Vijayarāja with the name of this phantom Vijayāditya,—to make Vijayarāja the father of Pulikēśi I., falls to the ground. He gives no very clear reason for identifying Buddhavarma with Raṇarāga, except that *Raṇa-rāga* “may be regarded as a mere epithet meaning ‘lover of war.’” So, also, may *Jaya-simha*, ‘the lion of

victory’; *Saty-āraya*, ‘the asylum of truth’; *Vikram-āditya*, ‘the sun of valour’; *Vinay-āditya*, ‘the sun of modesty’; and many other such names, be regarded as mere epithets. But these are, nevertheless, the names by which those kings were known in history and in official documents. Probably enough they had also household names of a more simple nature. Witness, for instance, the titles of Aṇṇa-siṅga, ‘the lion of Aṇṇa’, and Māvana-siṅga, Sēnana-siṅga, and Boppana-siṅga, which were borne by some of the feudatories of the later Western Chālukya kings, and which, when compared with Jagadēka-dāni, ‘the rutting elephant of Jagadēka’, in transcr. l. 9 of No. I. of this Series, at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. IV., p. 179, point to Aṇṇa, Māva, Sēna, and Boppa being, as much as Jagadēka, names of the paramount sovereigns. Witness, also, the motto *Śrī-Biṭṭarasa*, ‘the king Śrī-Biṭṭa, or, Śrī-Biṭṭi’, which is on the seal of a copper-plate grant of the Eastern Chālukya king Viṣṇuvardhana I., published at *Jour. Bo. Dr. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. II., p. 1. Mr. K. T. Tēlaṅg refers to the fact that *raṇa-vikrānta*, ‘he who is valorous in war’, is one of the epithets applied to Buddhavarma; but he does not seem to rely much on this in his identification of the two persons. And rightly so; for, precisely the same epithet, *raṇa-vikrānta*, is applied to Maṅgalīśvara in l. 5 of the Bādāmi inscription, at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 363; and in l. 4 of the Eastern Chālukya grant, of which I have just spoken, the father of Kirttivarma I. is mentioned, not under his proper name of Pulikēśi, but under the name, or epithet, of *Raṇavikrama-ṛipa*, i.e., ‘king Raṇavikrama’, or ‘the king who was possessed of valour in war.’

As regards Vijayāditya II., Prof. Dowson’s genealogy falls through in the same way. As regards his insertion of Buddhavarma and Vijayarāja between Jayasimha and Pulikēśi I.,—which was necessitated by the length of time to be accounted for that resulted from his reading the date of the grant as Vikrama-Saṁvat 394, and was justified, to him, by the assumption as to the vague and unsatisfactory nature of the genealogies of

\* *Rājan* is not synonymous with *āditya*, ‘sun’; but, in the sense of ‘moon’, it is synonymous with ‘*candra*.’ Therefore, if at all we want a name differing from, and yet

similar to, ‘Vijayarāja’, we ought to have ‘Vijayachandra’, not ‘Vijayāditya.’



copper-plate grants in general,—it falls through, because the necessity ceases if we interpret the date as Śaka 394, and because the assumption is not warranted by facts.

That Buddhavarmā is to be identified with Raṇarāga, or that he and Vijayarāja are to be foisted into the direct line of descent before Raṇarāga and Pulikēśī I., I do not believe for a moment. If Buddhavarmā and Raṇarāga were closely connected at all, they were brothers. As to the identity of the two Jayasimhas,—I am strongly inclined in favour of it, though I would not speak with absolute conviction at present. On the one hand, the difference in their dates is somewhat against the hypothesis that Vijayarāja, or Vijayavarmā, and Pulikēśī I., were of one generation, being grandsons of one and the same Jayasimha. On the other hand, the present grant is from the north; and there are the facts that the Chalukyas of the south always represent themselves as having come originally from the north, and that they commence their genealogy with a Jayasimha, as does the king for whom the present inscription was composed. And the characters of this grant connect it paleographically very closely with the southern grants.

Now,—except in the preamble of the grant of Rājārāja II., of which, I trust, I have said quite enough above,—it is nowhere stated that Jayasimha I. of the Chalukyas of the south, or his son, Raṇarāga, did actually rule in, or even did invade, the south. And the negative evidence is opposed to any such supposition. For, the Aihole tablet and the Miraj plates,—the two<sup>20</sup> authentic sources of information for this period,—do not speak of any of the royal families of the south, the Kadambas, the Pallavas, the Gaṅgas, the Mauryas, and the Nālas, as having been conquered by Jayasimha I., or by Raṇarāga; nor does even the forged grant of Pulikēśī I. And I know of no other inscription which takes the genealogy back beyond Pulikēśī I.; which fact suggests the inference that he, the con-

queror of Vātāpi or Bādāmi, came subsequently to be looked upon as the real founder of the dynasty. Further, on reconsidering the verse that describes Pulikēśī I. in 1.8 of the Aihole inscription, I consider that the epithet *drīḍha-bāhū* applied to him there, and contrasted by the word *api* with the statement *ayāśid=Vātāpi-purī-vadhū-varatām*, indicates that, before he acquired Vātāpi<sup>21</sup>, he had a capital named Indukānti, which must be looked for somewhere in the north. Finally, after the present grant of Vijayarāja, we have no mention of any Chalukyas in the north until we come to the Chalukyas of Anhilwād, the accession of the first of whom, Mālarāja I., is placed by Dr. Bühler at A.D. 941-2, though he speaks also of an ancestor of his, named Bhāpati, who is said to have been reigning in A.D. 695-6.

Taking all these indications together, the conclusion at which I arrive is that, at the death of Vijayarāja, or possibly by an invasion of his kingdom which resulted in his defeat and death in battle, the power of the Chalukyas in the north was subverted, and the family expelled, by the Gārjara kings, or by the kings of Vatsabhi, the other most powerful rulers of those parts; that his cousin, Pulikēśī I., was the only surviving representative of the family; and that, in his flight, directing his course to the south, Pulikēśī I. was attended by a band of adherents sufficiently numerous and strong to enable him to invade, and conquer a part of, the dominions of probably the Pallava king<sup>22</sup>, and, by wresting the city of Vātāpi from them, to establish for himself a new seat of government there. Or, taking into consideration also the close resemblance of the style of this grant of Vijayarāja to the style of the grants of Dadda II., as noticed above and in the notes to the Text below,—it is even possible that the Chalukyas were originally feudatories of the Gārjara kings, but, in the person of Pulikēśī I., threw off that yoke, and, emigrating to the south, established an independent sovereignty of

<sup>20</sup> I have spoken of the Miraj plates at p. 103 above. I have now found that this is the identical copper-plate grant from which the genealogy of the Yōsi tablet is taken, down to the name of Jayasimha Jagadīśvara. Accordingly, for that part of the genealogy, the Miraj plates are entitled to be quoted in preference to the Yōsi tablet. I shall shortly give a full account of these plates and the tablet combined.

<sup>21</sup> *Lit.*, 'went in the condition of being the bridegroom of the bride which was the city of Vātāpi.'

<sup>22</sup> This fact is nowhere expressly stated. But I discovered at Bādāmi itself a rock inscription, unfortunately very fragmentary, but of early enough uncertain date, which mentions Vātāpi, and also 'the Pallava, the foremost of kings'—*śakīṭṭhaḥ-kṛmāṇaḥ*—Pallava. I have little doubt that Vātāpi was originally a Pallava capital.

their own. And to reconcile the dates of Vijaya-rāja and Pulikēśīl, on this supposition that they were grandsons of one and the same

Jayasimha, we have only to assume that, of two brothers, Rāṣa-rāja was the younger by some considerable difference of years.

*Transcription.*

*First plate.*

- [<sup>1</sup>] Svasti Vijaya-skandhāvartā Vijayapura-vāsakāt śaraḍ-upagama-prasanna-gagana-tala-vimala-  
vipulā vividha-paruṣa-ratna-guṇa-  
[<sup>2</sup>] nika-āvabhāsitā mahā-satv-āpāsraya-durlabdhyaḥ gambhīryavati sthity-anupālana-parā mah-  
ōdadhāva-iva Mānavya-sagōtrāṇām Hā-  
[<sup>3</sup>] riti-putrāṇām Svāmi-Mahāśēna-pād-ānudyōtānām Chelukyānām=auvayē vyaṇagata-sajala-  
jaladhara-pāṭala-gagana-tala-gata-śiśirakara-  
[<sup>4</sup>] kirāṇa-kuvalayātara-yūśasah (so. yaśāḥ) Śrī-Jayasimha-rājah [||\*] Tasya sutaḥ prabala-  
ripu-timira-pāṭala-bhīdaraḥ satatam=udaya-sthō naktan-diva-  
[<sup>5</sup>] m=apy=akhaṇḍita-pratāpō dī(di)vākara iva vallabha-rāga-vikrānta-Śrī-Buddhavarman-  
rājah [||\*] Tasya sūnuḥ pri(ṇi)thirvām-a-pratirathah chatur-adadhī-salil-ā-  
[<sup>6</sup>] svādita-yaśō(śā) Dhanada-Varuṇ-Endr-Āntaka-sama-prabhāvaḥ sva-bāhu-bal-ōpāt-ōrjita-  
rāja(jya)-ārthi pratāp-ātīśay-ōpanata-samagra-sāmanta-ma-  
[<sup>7</sup>] ṇḍalah paraspā-āpāḍita-dhamm(rmm)-ārtha-kāma-nimō(rmō)chi prāṇati-mātra-superitōha-  
gambhīr-ōnata-hṛdayaḥ samyak-prajā-pālan-ādhitataḥ dīn-ā-  
[<sup>8</sup>] ndha-kṛpāṇa-bhē(śa)raṇāgata-vatanah yathābhilashita-phala-pradō mātā-pitṛi-pād-ānudyōtāḥ  
Śrī-Vijayarājās=sarvvaṇ=ōva<sup>10</sup> viśayapati-rāshṭra-  
[<sup>9</sup>] grāmamahattar-ādhibhārik-ādīn=samanudāśayaty=astu<sup>11</sup> vas=satvaviditam=asmābhīr=yathā  
Kāśākhā-viśay-āntargataḥ Sandhiyara-pūrvvi(rvvī)ṇa<sup>12</sup>-Pariya-  
[<sup>10</sup>] ya śēha grāmah sōdram(dāram)ṇah sōparikarāḥ sarvva-ditya-viśṭi-pratibhēdikā-  
parihṭah bhōmi-chhi(chchhi)dra-nyāyēu=ā-chāta-bhāṭa-prāśēyaḥ \* Jambūsa-  
[<sup>11</sup>] ra-sāmānya-Mā(vā)jasanēya-Kāṇv-ādharīya(ryya)-sabrāhmachār(ri)ṇām mātā-pitṛōr-ātmanas=  
cha puṇya-yaśō-bhivriddhayē Vaiśākha-pūṇamāśayām=udak-ātī-  
[<sup>12</sup>] sarggēṇa pratipāditaḥ [||\*] Bharadvāja-sagōtra-Ādityaraviḥ(vēh) pattikā<sup>13</sup> dvē Indrasūrya  
pattikā Tāvisūrya dvy-ardha-pattikā Lēvarasy-ārdha-pattikā  
[<sup>13</sup>] Dāmāya pattikā Drōṇāy-ārdha-pattikā Atta(ṇṭa)svāminē-ardha-pattikā Māḷāy-ārdha-  
pattikā Shashtidēvāy-ārdha-pattikā Sōmāy-ārdha-pattikā Rāmāsa-  
[<sup>14</sup>] rmmāṇē=rdha-pattikā Bhāyyāy-ārdha-pattikā Drōṇadharāy-ārdha-pattikā [||\*] Dhātṛi-  
yapa-sagōtra-Āvukāya div-ardha-pattikā Sūrāy-ārdha-pattikā || Daundakiya-  
[<sup>15</sup>] sagōtra-Bhaṭṭhāy pattikā Samudrāya div-ardha-pattikā Drōṇāya pattikā-trayam  
Tāvisarmmaṇē pattikā dvē Bhaṭṭinē=rdha-pattikā Va(ṇḥa)trāya pattikā  
[<sup>16</sup>] Drōṇasarmmaṇē=rdha-pattikā dvitīya-Drōṇasarmmaṇē=rdha-pattikā || Kāśyapa-sagōtra-  
Yappasvāminē tizrah pattikā Durgasarmmaṇē=rdha-pattikā Dattāy-  
[<sup>17</sup>] y-ārdha-pattikā || Kaṇḍina(ṇya)-sagōtra-Vādāy-ā<sup>14</sup>... v-ardha-pattikā Sēḷāya pattikā  
Drōṇāya pattikā Sōmāy-ārdha-pattikā Sēḷāy-ārdha-pattikā  
[<sup>18</sup>] Va(ṇḥa)trāsarmmaṇē=rdha-pattikā Bhāyivāminē=rdha-pattikā || Mādharā-sagōtra-  
Viśākhaḥ pattikā Dharāya pattikā Nandinē pattikā Kumārāya pattikā  
[<sup>19</sup>] Rāmāya pattikā Rāmāy-ārdha-pattikā Gaṇḍāy-ārdha-pattikā Kōṭṭavāy-ārdha-pattikā  
Bhāyiva(bha)ṇṭāy-ārdha-pattikā Narmaṇē=rdha-pattikā Rāmāsarmmaṇē=rdha-  
[<sup>20</sup>] pattikā || Hārīta-sagōtra-Dharumadhārāya div-ardha-pattikā || Vaishṇava-sagōtra-Bhaṭṭinē  
pattikā || Gautama-sagōtra-Dharāy-ārdha-pattikā Ammadharā-  
[<sup>21</sup>] y-ārdha-pattikā Sēḷāy-ārdha-pattikā || Sēṇḍila-sagōtra-Dāmāy-ārdha-pattikā [||\*]  
Lakshmaṇa-sagōtra-Kārkasaya pattikā [||\*]

<sup>10</sup> This letter, va, was at first omitted, and then inserted below the line.

<sup>11</sup> In the two Kaira grants of Dadda II., l. 32 in each grant, the corresponding words are sarvvaṇ=ōva rājā-sāmanta-bhēṇika-viśayapati-rāshṭragrāmamahattar-ādhibhārik-ādīn=samanudāśayaty=astu. In the 11th grant of Dadda II., l. 11, and the Umētā grant of Dadda II., l. 14, the words are sarvvaṇ=ōva rājā-rapati-viśayapati-grāmakāḍi-āyuktaka-niyuktak-ādhibhā-mahattar-ādīn=samāśōpayaṭi astu; where adhibhā, in each place, is doubtless a mistake for adhibhārika.

<sup>12</sup> The marks over this letter, va, are a fault in the copper.

We have similar faults over, e.g., the use of Vaiśākha and the name of pūṇamāśayām, l. 11.

<sup>13</sup> In the two Kaira grants of Dadda II., l. 33 in each grant, the corresponding words are sōdramṇah sōparikarāḥ sarvva-ādīna-sarggēṇah sarvva-ditya, &c., as in our text. In the 11th grant, l. 18, and the Umētā grant, l. 20, the words are sōdramṇa-sa(ṇḥ)parikara-sadhānyahāṇyādīya-sāpadyamāśayaviśṭika(kāḥ) samanta-rājātyānām-a-pratibhāḥ.

<sup>14</sup> See note 27 below.

<sup>15</sup> One letter here is quite unintelligible.



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## Second plate.

- [<sup>27</sup>] Vatsa-sagotra-Gopādityāya pattikā Viśākha-śraddha-pattikā Śūrya-śraddha-pattikā Bhāyi-  
svāminā-rūpa-pattikā Yakshaśarmā-  
[<sup>28</sup>] rāha-pattikā Tāvisāśya pattikā Karkṣi(rkka)sya-śraddha-pattikā Tāvisamma(rmma)gā-rāha-  
pattikā Śarmmaṇā-rāha-pattikā Kumārīya-śraddha-pattikā  
[<sup>29</sup>] Mātrīvarīya-śraddha-pattikā Bāṭalīya-śraddha-pattikā [||\*] Ētēbhyaḥ sarvābhyaḥ bali-charu-  
vaiśvadev-āgnihōtr-ādi-kriy-ōtsarppan-ārthan<sup>1</sup> ā-chandr-ārka-ārṇava-kshi-  
[<sup>30</sup>] ti-sthiti-samakālīnāḥ putra-pantr-ānvaya-bhōgyāḥ yata(tō)=mad-vahāyair-anyair=v-āgāmi-  
bhōgapatibhis=sāmānya-bhō-pradāna-phal-ōpaubbih nala-vēṇa-kadali-  
[<sup>31</sup>] sārāḥ saṁsāram-udādhi-jala-vichī-chapalīkās=cha bhōgān prabala-pavan-ābat-āśvattha-patra-  
chasthulām cha śriyāḥ kusumita-śrīśaba-kusuma-sadri-  
[<sup>32</sup>] ā-āpāyāḥ cha yauvanam-ākalayya ayam=mad-dāyō=anantavyāḥ pālayitavyas=cha [||\*]  
Yō v=ājñāsa-timira-paṭal-āgrīva-matir=āchchhidya(dyā)ā-āchchhi-  
[<sup>33</sup>] dyamānam v=ānumōdēta sa pañchabbhir=mahā-pātakais=sahyukta(ktā) syāt [||\*] Uktam  
cha bhagavatā veda-vyāsēna Vyāsēna || Shashtim varaha-sahasrāṇi sva-  
[<sup>34</sup>] rggō vasati bhūmi-dah āchchhētā chy(ch)=ānumantā cha tāny=eva namakē vasēt [||\*]  
Vindhy-ātaviśhv=atōyāḥ sushka-kōtara-vāsinaḥ kṛishṇ-āha-  
[<sup>35</sup>] yō hi jāyantē bhūmi-dāyāḥ haranti yē || Bahubbir=vvasudhā bhuktā rājabbih  
Sagar-ādibhiḥ yasya yasya yadā bhūmiḥ tasya  
[<sup>36</sup>] tasya tadā phalam || Ōrva-dattān dvi-jātibhyō yataś=akaha Yudhishtīra mahim  
mahimatām āśēṣṭha dānāch=chhrēyō nupālanam || Yān=ha  
[<sup>37</sup>] dattāni purā narēndrāḥ dānāni dharm-ārtha-yasas-karāṇi nirvānta-māya-pratimāni  
tāni kō nāma sādhuḥ=punar-ādadīta [||\*] Sahvatsara-śa-  
[<sup>38</sup>] ta-trayē chatur-ṁnavaty-adhikē Vaiśākha-purnamāsyāḥ Nannarā(?)chā)chpaka-  
dōtakāḥ likhitaḥ mahā-sandhi-vigrah-ādihkritēna Khudda(?)dā)evā-  
[<sup>39</sup>] minā || Sahvatsara || 394 [||\*] Vaiśākha-śu 15 || Kshatriya-Mātrīśambhō=  
ōtkirāṇi [||\*]

## Translation.

Hail! From the victorious camp, located at  
(the city of) Vijayapura<sup>20</sup> :—

In the family of Mahānavya, and who are of the lineage of Mahānavya, and who are the descendants of Hariti, and who meditate on the feet of Svāmī-Mahāśana,—(which family), like the great ocean, is as pure and extensive as the expanse of the sky which is pellucid at the approach of autumn; and is made radiant by the mass of the virtuous qualities of various jewels of men; and is hard to be crossed, through being the place of refuge of great beings; and is possessed of profundity; and is intent on preserving stability,—(there was) the king Śrī-Vijayaśmha, whose fame was just like a blue water-lily under the beams of the cold-rayed moon in an expanse of the sky from which the veil of clouds laden with water has passed away :—

His son (was) the king Śrī-Buddhavarmanā, the lord, the valorous one in battle,—who,

like the sun, dispersed the canopy of the darkness which was his enemies, and was always rising (higher and higher), and was possessed of brilliance which was undiminished both by night and by day :—

His son, Śrī-Vijayarāja,—who is without an opponent in the world; whose fame is flavoured by the water of the four oceans; who is equal in prowess to (the gods) Dhanada and Varuṇa and Indra and Antaka; who has acquired great regal fortune by the strength of his own arm; who has bowed down the assemblage of chieftains by the excess of his splendour; who liberates (from their constant conflict) religion and wealth and passion which mutually annoy each other; whose profound and noble heart enjoys proper satisfaction merely by (the performance of) obeisance (to him); who is devoted to properly governing his subjects; who is full of compassion for the poor and the blind and the wretched and those who go to him for refuge; who gives rewards

<sup>1</sup> In the first of the two Kaira grants of Budda II., l. 42, the corresponding words are chātuvēdyā-paribhāṇā-pārvam bali-charu-vaiśvadev-āgnihōtra-patichamaśa-yajñ-ādi-kriy-ōtsarppan-ārthan. In the second of these grants, l. 41, in the Bāḍ grant, l. 14, and in the Umētā grant, l. 17, they are simply bali-charu-vaiśvadev-āgnihōtra-patichamaśa-yajñ-ādi-kriy-ōtsarppan-ārthan.

<sup>20</sup> This mark of punctuation is wrongly placed here, instead of after the numerals.

<sup>21</sup> The construction is Vijaya-chandhādēdrt Vijayapura-  
chādāt . . . . . Śrī-Vijayarājasa-garvāna-śa-  
chādāt . . . . . samavakriyati. The genealogy prior to the mention of Vijayarāja is by way of a periphrasis.

such as are desired; and who meditates on the feet of his mother and his father,—issues his instructions to all the lords of districts and the *Mahattaras*<sup>21</sup> of countries and villages and the *Adhikārikas* and others:—

Be it known to you that, on the day of the full-moon of (*the month*) *Vaiśākha*, in order to increase the religious merit and the fame of Our mother and father and of Ourselves, the village of *Pariyaya*, which was formerly (*called*) *Sandhiyara*<sup>22</sup>, included in the district of *Kāśākūla*, has been given by us with plentiful libations of water,—with the *udraṅga* and the *uparikara*, and free from all the *ditya*<sup>23</sup> and (*the liability to*) forced labour<sup>24</sup> and the *prātibhēdikā*, and (*to be enjoyed*) by the rule of *bhūmi-chohhidra*<sup>25</sup>, and not to be entered (*for the purpose of billeting*) by the irregular or the regular troops<sup>26</sup>,—to the general body of officiating priests and religious students of (*the village of*) *Jambūsara*, who belong to the *Vājasaneyya* (*sect*) and the *Kāṇva* (*school of the Vēda*). (*The shares are*):—Of *Ādityaravi*, of the *Bharadvāja gōtra*, two *pattikā*<sup>27</sup>; to *Indraśūra*, one *pattikā*; to *Tāviśūra*, two and a half *pattikās*; of *Īśvara*, half a *pattikā*; to *Dāma*, one *pattikā*; to *Drōṇa*, half a *pattikā*; to (?) *Āttasvāmī*, half a *pattikā*; to *Māila*, half a *pattikā*; to *Shashthidēva*, half a *pattikā*; to *Sōma*, half a *pattikā*; to *Rāmaśarmā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Bhūyya*, half a *pattikā*; to *Drōṇadhara*, half a *pattikā*.—To *Āvuka*, of the *Dhūmrāyaga gōtra*, two and a half *pattikās*; to *Śūra*, half a *pattikā*.—To *Bhaṭṭi*, of the *Daṇḍakīya gōtra*, one *pattikā*; to *Samandra*, two and a half *pattikās*; to *Drōṇa*, three *pattikās*; to *Tāviśarmā*, two *pattikās*; to *Bhaṭṭi*, half a *pattikā*; to

(?) *Vatra*, one *pattikā*; to *Drōṇaśarmā*, half a *pattikā*; to the second *Drōṇaśarmā*, half a *pattikā*.—To *Vappaśvāmī*, of the *Kāśyapa gōtra*, three *pattikās*; to *Durgaśarmā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Dattāya*, half a *pattikā*.—To *Vāda*, of the *Kauṇḍinya gōtra*, . . . . .<sup>28</sup>, half a *pattikā*; to *Sōla*, one *pattikā*; to *Drōṇa*, one *pattikā*; to *Sōma*, half a *pattikā*; to *Sōla*, half a *pattikā*; to (?) *Vatraśarmā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Bhūyisvāmī*, half a *pattikā*.—To *Viśākha*, of the *Mādihara gōtra*, one *pattikā*; to *Dhara*, one *pattikā*; to *Nandi*, one *pattikā*; to *Kumāra*, one *pattikā*; to *Rāma*, one *pattikā*; of *Bāśra*, half a *pattikā*; to *Gaṇa*, half a *pattikā*; to *Korṭṭuva*, half a *pattikā*; to (?) *Bhūyivattā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Narmā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Rāmaśarmā*, half a *pattikā*.—To *Dharmadhara*, of the *Hāritha gōtra*, two and a half *pattikās*.—To *Bhaṭṭi*, of the *Vaiśṇava gōtra*, one *pattikā*.—To *Dhara*, of the *Gautama gōtra*, half a *pattikā*; to *Ammadhara*, half a *pattikā*; to *Sōla*, half a *pattikā*.—To *Dāma*, of the *Śāṇḍila gōtra*, half a *pattikā*.—Of *Kārka*, of the *Lakshmaṇa gōtra*, one *pattikā*.—To *Gōpāditya*, of the *Vatsa gōtra*, one *pattikā*; to *Viśākha*, half a *pattikā*; to *Śūra*, half a *pattikā*; to *Bhūyisvāmī*, half a *pattikā*; to *Yakshaśarmā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Tāviśūra*, one *pattikā*; to *Karka*, half a *pattikā*; to *Tāviśarmā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Śarmā*, half a *pattikā*; to *Kumāra*, half a *pattikā*; to *Mātriśvara*, half a *pattikā*; to *Bāṭala*, half a *pattikā*.

This, Our gift,—(*which is given*) to all of these for the purpose of maintaining the *Bali* and the *Charu* and the *Vaiśvadeva* and the *Agnihōtra*

<sup>21</sup> The precise meaning of *Mahattara* and *Adhikārika*, as classes of officials, is not very well settled as yet.

<sup>22</sup> *Sandhiyara-pūrevina*, l. 9. But the meaning is very doubtful. Perhaps it should be, "which was the ancestral property of the *Sandhiyaras*." Prof. Dowson reads wrongly *Sandhiyapriyasa*, and does not suggest any explanation, except that some name or descriptive title of the village granted must be intended.

<sup>23</sup> Prof. Dowson derives *ditya* from *dā*, *dā*, 'cut, split', and *prātibhēdikā* from *prati* + *bhid*, 'break, tear', and suggests 'cutting and hewing (of wood)' as the translation.

<sup>24</sup> *Vīṣṭi* is the Sanskrit equivalent of the Canarese *bitti*, 'compulsory and unrequited labour.' We have had it also in l. 49 of the *Lakshmeśvar* tablet, at p. 101 above.

<sup>25</sup> No satisfactory explanation of this term has been suggested.

<sup>26</sup> *Achāṭa-bhaṭa-prāvēṣyaḥ*. The explanations of this term are various. Prof. Dowson adopts as the translation "into which the entrance of cheats and outcasts is interdicted"; and he quotes, as translations by others,—1, "there shall be no passage for troops", Sir Charles Wilkins; 2, "the

village is not to be entered into by the troops and followers of the king", Bāi Gaṅgādhara Śāstri; and 3, "exempt from the ingress of fortune-tellers and soldiers", Prof. Fitz Edward Hall. I follow the translation given by Dr. Bühler at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 71. It is borne out by the expression *amaṭa-rājagṛāmadma-pravēṣyam*, 'not to be entered by any of the king's people', in the *Ilāḥ* and *Umētā* grants of Dadda II.

<sup>27</sup> Except in one instance in l. 16, where it is written *pattikā*, this word is always written in the present inscription with the dental t,—*pattikā*. On the other hand, in the cancelled inscription at the back of these plates, No. XLVII. below, it is invariably written *pattikā*. There is no doubt that *pattikā* is the correct form; though, at the same time, *pattikā* may be an authorised variation of it. Prof. Dowson translates it by 'share', and suggests that it may be connected with the *paṭṭi* of the joint-tenancy villages in the North-West Provinces. I prefer rendering it by 'strip of land.' Conf. *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 29, note 1; and *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. XII., p. 295, note 15.

<sup>28</sup> See note 17 above.



and other rites, and which is to continue as long as the moon and sun and ocean and earth may last and is to be enjoyed by sons and sons' sons in succession,—should be assented to and preserved by future governors<sup>20</sup>, whether of my lineage or others, who are desirous of the general reward of bestowing a grant of land, having taken into consideration that worldly existence is as (*frail as*) the pith of a reed or a bamboo or the stem of a plantain-tree, and that pleasures are as transient as the waves of the ocean, and that fortune is as unsteady as the leaves of the sacred fig-tree when struck by a strong wind, and that youth fades away like the flowers of a *śirīṣa*-tree in bloom. He shall incur the guilt of the five great sins, who, having his mind obscured by the thick darkness of ignorance, may confiscate (*this grant*) or assent to its confiscation! And it has been said by the holy Vyāsa, the arranger of the *Vēda*s:—The giver of land dwells for sixty thousand years in heaven; but the confiscator (*of a grant*), and he who assents (*to such confiscation*), shall dwell for the same time in hell! They, who confiscate a grant of land, are born as black snakes, dwelling in the dried-up hollows of trees in the forests of the Vindhya mountains, destitute of water! Land has been enjoyed by many kings, commencing with Sa-gara; he, who for the time being possesses land, enjoys the benefits of it! O Yādhis-thira, best of kings!, carefully preserve land that has been previously given to the twice-born; the preservation (*of a grant*) is better than making a grant! Those gifts of land, productive of religion and wealth and fame, which have been made by kings in former times, are like the unused remnant of garlands (*offered to an idol*); what good man would take them back again?

(*This charter*) has been conveyed as a message<sup>21</sup> by Nannavāsapaṇḍita, and written<sup>22</sup> by Khuddasavāmi, the High Minister for peace and war, on the day of the full-moon of (*the month*) Vaiśākha, in the year three hundred and ninety-four. The year 394; the

fifteenth (*day*) of the bright fortnight of Vaiśākha. Engraved by the Kshatriya Mātṛisimha.

## No. XLVII.

It remains to add of the Kaira grant of Vijayarāja that it is in a way a palimpsest. The backs of the plates contain a cancelled inscription, which was evidently intentionally hammered down after heating the plates. This cancelled inscription commences on the second plate; there are twenty-three lines of writing on the back of that plate, and sixteen on the back of the first plate. It is, of course, very indistinct and difficult to read, and no facsimile can be made of it; but careful cleaning of the plates has made a good deal of it legible, with the help of the inscription in favour of which it was cancelled. The characters in which it is engraved differ from those of the extant inscription in only three points;—1, The vowels *ē* and *ai* are marked by strokes above the line;—2, The letter *na* is invariably formed with a loop;—and 3, The letter *va* is more of a triangular shape. In these three peculiarities, which happen to be illustrated by one of the passages containing the date of which a facsimile is annexed, they agree with the characters of the two grants of the Gūrjara king Dadā II., which were found at the same place and time, and also with those of the Umōtā grant.

I have transcribed as much of this cancelled inscription as is legible, and can be supplied, without any doubt. It commences:—

[1] Svasti Vijaya-[vi]kheṣṭpān=Na(?)nd)<sup>23</sup>. . . . .  
gā(?)pāpu(?)dh)ra(?)ka)-vdaṣṭān=Mānava-śagōtrā  
[ndm] Hārī(?)t)-pūtrāndm Svāmī-Mahadeva-pā[d-  
dundhya])(2)lāndm Kālu(?)līkhyāndm=anvayā vya-  
pagata-śajala-jaladhara-pājala-gagana-tala-gata-  
śīrākara-kirāya-kūvala-yatara-ya(?)h] Śrī-Jaya-  
simha-rājāh [11\*] Tasya [su]tāh prabala-ripu-  
timī[ra]-vi[pu]ṣa(?)la-bhidurāh satatam=udaya-  
sthā naktan-dīvam=apya-akhaṇṭita[4]pratt[pa].<sup>24</sup>  
. . . . .-divdkarō callabha-vaṇavikrānta-  
Śrī-Buddha[va]rm[m]a-rājāh [11\*] Tasya [su]tāh.

In the remainder of this line, the whole of ll. 5 and 6, and the greater part of l. 7, only a

<sup>20</sup> *Let.*, 'lords of possession',—bhāga pati.  
<sup>21</sup> *Dūtāka*. Conf. the statement *Dūtāka* 5 tra mahāśāh-  
dhivigrahaka-Śrī-Chandakarmā, Pl. II., l. 11. of the  
second of the Chandukya grants published by Dr. Bühler at  
*Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 180; the third, and the fifth to the  
eleventh, of the same set of grants, have each a similar  
statement. Conf., also, *Śrī-Kundalana-dūtāka*, in l.  
34 of the Kārl grant of the Gūrjara king Jayabhata, the  
father of Dadā II., published by Dr. Bühler at *Ind. Ant.*,

Vol. V., p. 109. The *Dūtāka*, 'messenger', must be the  
official to whom the charter was entrusted to be conveyed  
from the court, where it was issued, to the local authorities  
concerned.

<sup>21</sup> *sc.*, 'caused to be written, by an engraver employed in  
his office.'

<sup>22</sup> One letter, or perhaps two, is quite illegible here.

<sup>23</sup> Four or five letters are quite illegible here.

few detached letters are legible with any certainty. The only entire words I can make out are [dāva]dita-yāśā, parājaya, and nya-lakṣhaṇa-parā; and I cannot complete the passage, since the remaining scattered letters show that it differed substantially from the corresponding passage of the extant inscription. The name of the son of Buddhavarmā is at the end of l. 7, in the words—

[pā]d-dvānatah Śrī-Vi[ja]yavarmma-rā[ja]h. It continues:—[S]arvādā-d[va] vishaya-[pa?]ti(?)<sup>26</sup>. . . . . vas=śamviditā=astu(?) ya[thā] Kāśāśāla-vi[śayā]d[9]ntarggatah Samdhigara-pūrvvāśa-[Pari?]yo[ya?]śa grā[mah] [māta-pitrōr=d]tmanāś=cha purya-yasō-bhī[vr]īddhaya Jambūāsara<sup>25</sup>. . . . .

The first six or seven letters of l. 10 are not legible with any certainty; but then come the words [Bha]radvāja-sagōtrasya Ādityaravāśa . . . . ., which show that the specification of the grantees and their shares commences here. Several of the names and shares are distinguishable; thus,—

l. 10, again, Indrasūtrasya . . . . .  
Tāriturasya diē-ariddha-pa[11]tīk<sup>26</sup>;—l. 11, again, Īcarasya=driddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup> . . . . .  
naya-sagōtrasya[di]e-ariddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup>. . . . .  
Drōṇasya pattīk<sup>26</sup>;—l. 12, Śk[?]śāsyā ariddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup> Sāmasya=driddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup> Kātyāyana-sagōtrasya(?) . . . . .  
kasya diē-ariddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup>;—l. 13, . . . . .  
sagōtrasya Dharmadharasya di[ē-ariddha]-pattīk<sup>26</sup> Vaiśāṇava-sagōtrasya Bhāṭṭh<sup>26</sup> pattīk<sup>26</sup> Damaśāh[14]ya-sagōtrasya Bhāṭṭh<sup>26</sup> pattīk<sup>26</sup> Samudrasya diē-ariddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup> Drōṇasya pattīk<sup>26</sup>-tra[yaśā];—l. 15 to 22, the words ariddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup>, pattīk<sup>26</sup>, and diē-ariddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup> are of frequent occurrence, but no names can be read with certainty;—l. 23, Mātṛīvarasya ariddha-pattīk<sup>26</sup> Shashthi-[dīva]sy=driddha-pa[11]tīk<sup>26</sup>;—l. 24, Dāmasya pattīk<sup>26</sup>. In l. 26 commences the sentence Etibhyah sarvebhyah balicharu-vaisvade-d[27]gnihōtra-kriy-āstappan-drtthāś Vaiśākha-[pā]-rannamdeyām=ndak-dtiary-gōya pratipadditō yam=amād-vamēyair-anayair=vel.

And so on, in much the same words as in the extant inscription, down to pañchabhirmahā-pātakaś samyuktāś syāt, in l. 32. Then,—prefaced by the words Uktān=chā bhagavalt cēla-vyāsēna Vyāsēna,—come the same five verses as in the extant inscription;

l. 32, Shashthih varsha-sahasrāpi, &c.; l. 33, Vindhy-ājavieho=atbyāsu, &c.; l. 34, Bahubhir=vasudhā bhuktā, &c.; l. 35, Pūruva-dattān dvi-jātībhyō, &c.; and l. 36, Yān=īha dattāni purā, &c. At the end of this verse, in l. 37, it continues:—

Samvatsara-tata-trayō [38]chatur-nnavaty-adhikō Vaiśākha-pūrvnamdeyām Nannavā(?)cha)udpaka-dūtakaś likhitāś mahā-samdhī-vigrahādhikritō [39]na Hari(?)da(?)t[ā]na || Samvatsara 394 Vaiśākha-śu 15 [1]\*

It is thus seen that, with some slight variety of construction, this cancelled grant of Vijayavarmā is substantially the same as the extant grant of Vijayarāja on the insides of the plates.

Like the Umētā and Ilāō grants of Dadda II, it is issued vijaya-vikshēpāt,—not vijaya-śāndhācārāt, as in the extant grant. As Dr. Bühler has pointed out, at p. 62 above, note 8, vikshēpa, in such a passage as this, must have much the same meaning as śāndhācāra, 'camp', though there is no lexicographical authority for it. The name of the vikshēpa is unfortunately in part quite illegible. But the first syllable is undoubtedly na or nā. Now, the two Kaira grants of Dadda II, are issued Nāndīpuritah, 'from Nāndīpurī', which place Dr. Bühler, at p. 62 above, has identified with a fort of the same name just outside the Jhadēsvar gate of the city of Broach. It is just possible that this cancelled grant commenced,—whether intentionally, or by a mistake of the composer of the inscription in following too servilely a model that he had before him,—as if it was issued from the same place, and that the text ran =Nāndīpurī-vāsakūn=, &c.

In the name of the dynasty, in l. 2, the first syllable is undoubtedly kē; the second may be either lu or li. This may be a mistake of the composer or of the engraver of the inscription, or it may be an early varying form of the name.

The names of the first two kings are just the same as in the extant grant,—Jayasimha, and Buddhavarmā. The son of Buddhavarmā is called 'Vijayarāja' in the extant grant; but his name is here given as 'Vijayavarmā.' With this we may compare 'Kirttirāja' as a varying form, in one of the Nerūr

<sup>25</sup> About eighteen letters here are not legible with any certainty. The words would seem to differ from those in the extant inscription.

<sup>26</sup> Four or five letters here, at the end of the line, are illegible.

<sup>27</sup> See note 27 above.



plates which remains to be published by me, of the name of the southern Chalukya king who is elsewhere always called 'Kīrttivar-mā' I. And in my Kādamba grants at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 22, and at p. 33 above, other instances will be found in which the termination *carman*, in the names of kings, sometimes is used and sometimes is omitted.

The date of this cancelled grant is precisely the same as that of the extant grant,—the (Śaka) year 394, and the day of the full-moon, or the fifteenth day of the bright fortnight, of the month Vaiśākha. And, in the same way, it is given in both words and figures. The accompanying facsimile of the passage containing the figures has been made from a careful hand-drawing, directed by myself. The broken appearance of some of the letters and symbols is due to the way in which the inscription was hammered down; and, though the last few lines are comparatively well preserved, this specimen will serve to give an idea of the fragmentary nature of the characters of this cancelled grant, as they now stand. With the exception of the symbol for 90, which has a projecting stroke on the right side as well as the left,—these symbols agree with those which are given in Pandit Bhagwānlāl Indrajī's paper at *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 42. Here, again, the symbol for 5, the letter *na*, illustrates what was evidently an invariable rule in the use of alphabetical characters to form numerical symbols, viz., precisely the same form of *na*, with the

loop, is used in composing it, as is used in the body of the inscription.

It is difficult to say why this grant was cancelled. But the characters, besides having slight differences of type, as noted above, are not nearly so neat as those of the extant grant; they are rather sprawling, and they have wider intervals between them than is usually the case. And, though it was conveyed by the same *Dātaka* or messenger, Nannavāsīpaka, it was prepared in the office of a different minister; for, in the last line, the first syllable of his name is undoubtedly *ha*, the penultimate consonant is *tt*, and the last syllable is *na*, and, though the second and third syllables are rather indistinct, the name seems to be 'Haridatta.' At any rate, it certainly is not 'Khuddasvāmi', as in the extant grant. And the name of the engraver is not given at the end. And, finally, the names of the sharers seem to be not so full as in the extant grant. Bearing in mind how repeatedly the word *pañjikā* occurs, any one acquainted with the capabilities of the average Hindu copyist will understand at once how often he would lose his place, and become confused, in copying such a document. If, therefore, I may hazard a conjecture, it is that the grant, when first engraved, was too full of errors to admit of correction as it stood, and accordingly it was cancelled, and a fresh copy was prepared, in a different office, and by a different engraver of more skill in writing and fidelity in copying.

## THE KUḌĀ INSCRIPTIONS.

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The Kuḍā inscriptions have already been edited by the Rev. Dr. J. Stevenson—*Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. V. pp. 169-174. But as his translations are not trustworthy, and sometimes rather fanciful,—with the assistance of Dr. G. Bühler I have made the subjoined transcripts and translations according to Mr. Burgess's facsimiles.

There is no clue to the date of these inscriptions except the general resemblance of their letters and of their style to those of the Kaphêrî, Kārîlê, Junnar, and Nāsik inscriptions which belong to the times of the Andhra-bhṛityas.

### Inscription No. 1 in Cave I.

Mahabhojiya Sadageriya Vijayāputasa	Mahābhōjasa Māḍavasa	Khaṇḍapālitasā lekhaḥa
Sulasadatāputasa Uṭaradātāputasa cha	Sivabhūtisa saha bhayaya Nandāya	deyadhama ( <i>lepana</i> ).

### Sanskrit of No. 1.

<sup>1</sup> Mahābhōjyāḥ Sāḍagairya vijayāyāḥ putrasya Mahābhōjasya Māḍavyasya Skandapālitasya lekhaḥa (*aya*)

<sup>2</sup> Sulasadatāputrasya Uṭtaradātāputrasya cha Sivabhūteḥ saha bharyayā Nandaya deyadharmo [*ayanam* || ]

## Translation of No. 1.

This cave is the benefaction of Sivabhūti [Sivabhūti], son of Sulasadatta [Sulasadatta], and of Utarādatta [Uttarādatta] the writer of Mahābhōja Mandava [Māndavya] Khandapālita [Skandapālita], son of Mahābhōji Sadageri Vijayā [Satagiri Vijayā] together with his wife Nandā [Nandā].

## Remarks on No. 1.

1. The correctness of the way in which the two parts of this inscription have been connected is proved by the statements made in No. 3 regarding Khandapālita and Sivabhūti.

2. Mahābhōja and Mahābhōji are evidently titles, as the words immediately following them have to be taken for family names. Bhōjaka commonly occurs in the inscriptions with the meaning of 'a priest in charge of a temple.' Another meaning, 'great prince', is given to Mahābhōja in the *Bhāgavata Purāṇa* (see the *Petersburg Dictionary*, s. v.). Bhōja, too, is used as a royal title in the *Aitareya Brāhmaṇa* VIII. 12. Mahābhōja occurs also in the Beḍṣā inscription No. 2, *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. VIII. p. 222. As the persons bearing this title seem to have occupied a high position, the second meaning is the more appropriate one, and we may assume that Vijayā was the wife, if not of a sovereign king, at least of a Sāmānta, and that Khandapālita ruled over some district or province. This explanation is also confirmed by the construction of inscription No. 8.

3. *Sadageriya* would be in Sanskrit *Sātagairya* or *Sātagairya*, i.e. belonging to the family or to the country of Sātagiri or Satagiri. Sata and Śata are mentioned as proper names by Pāṇini, IV. 3. 52. Dr. Stevenson's conjecture, according to which Sātagiri would correspond to Salsette, does not appear tenable, as the ancient name of Salsette is *Shatshashti*, 'containing sixty-six villages.'

4. *Mandavasa* probably corresponds with the Sanskrit *Māndavyas*: compare also below, No. 3. The *Māndavyas* are enumerated (*Bṛhatkathā* XV. 2) among the nations of Central India, together with the *Medas* or *Mers*, who probably then, as at present, resided in southern Rājputāṇā—*Medapāṭa* or *Mewāḍ*. *Mandaviya* occurs also in the Beḍṣā inscription No. 2.

5. The name *Sulasadatta* is of some in-

terest, as (according to Dhanapāla's *Pāṇiyalacchāḥ*) *Sulasā* and (according to Hemachandra's *Devīkośa*) *Sulasamanjari* are names of Viṣṇu's sacred basil-tree, the *tulsi*. The proper name *Sulasadatta* means therefore 'given by Tulsi', and corresponds with the modern *Tulsidā*, and seems to indicate that the worship of the plant dates from early times.

## Inscription No. 2 in Cave V.

Siddham therāṇa bhadata Pātamtāna bhadata Agimitana cha bhāgineyya pāvayitkāya Nāginikāya duhatya pāvayitkāya Padumanikāya deydhamam leṇa poḍi sahā atavāsiniya Bodhiya saha ātivāsiniya Asalhamitāya.

## Sanskrit of No. 2.

Siddham sthavarāpām bhadata-Pātramitrāpām bhadata-Agnimitrāpām cha bhāgineyyāḥ pravrajitkāya Nāginikāyādūhituḥ pravrajitkāyāḥ Pādmīnikāyā deydharma layanam poḍi cha saha antevāsinyā Bodhiya saha antevāsinyā Ashāḍhamitrayā [il]

## Translation of No. 2.

Hail! This cave and tank are the benefaction of the female ascetic Paduminikā (Pādmīnikā), daughter of the female ascetic Nāganika (Nāginikā), the sister's daughter of the Theras Bhadata Pātāmīta (Bhadata Pātramitra) and Bhadata Agimita (Bhadata Agnimitra), together with her disciple Bodhi, and her disciple Asalhamitā (Ashāḍhamitrā).

## Remarks on No. 2.

1. *Siddham* has been misunderstood first by Dr. Stevenson, and later by Dr. Bhāḍ Dāji and Professor Bhāṇḍārkar, who all translate it by "to the Perfect One." If this meaning were intended it would be either *siddhāsa* or *siddhāya*. *Siddham* is really the neuter nominative singular of *siddha*, and, like *siddhi*, a synonym of *svasti*.

2. The plurals *Pātamtāna(m)* and *Agimitana(m)* are plur. *majestatis*: compare below in inscription No. 9; see also Stevenson, *Jour. Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. V. p. 173.

3. For the name *Naganikā* compare 'Devī Nayanika' over one of the figures of the Nāpāghāt cave.

## Inscription No. 3 in Cave VI.

Mahābhōjiya	Sādageriya	Vijayāya	putasa
Mahābhōjasa	Māndavasa	Khandapalitasa	upajivinam
Sulasadatasa	Utaradatāya	cha putānam	bhātōnam
kl	Sivabhūtimhā	kanethasa	Siva[sa]masa
			dhayadhamam
			leṇa



saha bhayāya Vijayāya putānam cha sa° Sulasadattasa Siva-  
pālitasā Sivadatasa Sapilasa cha sasarūpakamañ duhatūnam  
Sasapāya Sivapālītāya Sivadatāya Sulasadātāya cha thambhā.

*Sanskrit of No. 3.*

Mahābhōjyāḥ Sādagairyā Vijayāyāḥ putrasya  
Mahābhōjasya Māndavyasya Skandapālitasya upajīvinām  
Sulasadattasya Uttaradattāyāścha putrāṇām bhrātṛiṇām lekha  
kāch Śivabhūteḥ kanishṭhasya Śivaśarmaṇo deyadharmo layanañ  
saha bhāryayā Vijayayā [ ] putrīṇām cha sa° Sulasadattasya Śiva-  
pālitasya Sivadatasya Sarpilasaya cha sasarūpakarma | duhitṛiṇām  
Sasyapāyāḥ Śivapālītāyāḥ Śivadattāyāḥ Sulasadattāyāḥ cha athambāḥ ||

*Translation of No. 3.*

This cave is the benefaction of Śiva(sa)ma (Śivaśarmaṇa), after the writer Śivabhūti (Śivabhūti); youngest amongst his brothers the sons of Sulasadata (Sulasadatta) and Uttaradattā (Uttaradattā), servants of Mahābhōja Māndava (Māndavya) Khandapālita (Skandapālita), son of Mahābhōjī Sādagairī Vijayā (Sādagairī Vijayā), together with his wife Vijayā; and the decoration of the rock (is the benefaction) of their sons (whose father is alive) Sulasadata (Sulasadatta), Sivapālita (Śivapālita), Sivadata (Śivadatta), and Sapilā (Sarpilā); and the pillars (are the benefaction) of their daughters Sasapā (Sasyapā or Sasapā), Sivapālītā (Śivapālītā) Sivadatā (Śivadattā) and Sulasadattā (Sulasadattā).

*Remarks on No. 3.*

1. The change of *Sivamasa* to *Sivasamasa* is supported by Januar inscription No. 7, *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI p. 40, and by the fact that *Sivama* gives no sense.

2. The *sa* in the phrase *putānam cha sa Sulasadattasa* is probably an abbreviation for *sandha*, which we find in No. 4: *putasa cha sandhasa Isirakhitasa*. Professor Bhāṇḍārkar (*Nāsik Inscriptions*, No. 24, *Transactions Or. Cong.* 1874, p. 247) thinks that either *chasa* may be traced to *śasya*, or if read as *śasa* to *śaru*, and translates it by 'worthy.' In his inscription, as well as in all the Kudā inscriptions where it occurs, the *cha* must necessarily be taken in the sense of 'and.' *Sandha* if applied to females means one whose natural protector, i.e. husband, is alive; if applied to males it probably denotes that the father was alive, though I am unable to produce any authority for the latter interpretation. The ulterior meaning of the term is probably 'worthy', as conjectured by Professor Bhāṇḍārkar.

*Inscription No. 4 in Case VII.*

Māmakavejiyasa vejasa Isirakhitopāsaka-  
sa putasa vōjasa Somadevasa deyadharmā lepañ  
putasa cha sandhasa Isirakhitasa Sivagho-  
sasa cha  
duhutaya cha sa° Isipālītāya pasāya dharm-  
māya sapāya cha.

*Sanskrit of No. 4.*

Māmakavaidyikasya vaidyasya Rishirakhito-  
pāsaka-  
sya putrasya vaidyasya Somadevasya dēya-  
dharmo layanañ  
putrasya cha sandhasya Rishirakhitasya Śi-  
vaghoshasya cha  
duhituścha sa° Rishipālītāyā | Buddhāya dharmā-  
ya saṅghāya cha ||

*Translation of No. 4.*

This cave is the benefaction of the physician (*vaid*) Somadeva, son of the Buddha devotee Isirakhita (Rishirakhita) Māmakavejiya (Māmakavaidyika), a physician, and of his sons (whose father is alive) Isirakhita (Rishirakhita) and Sivaghosa (Sivaghoshā), and of his daughter (whose father is alive) Isipālītā (Rishipālītā), for Buddha, the Law, and the Fraternity.

*Remarks on No. 4.*

1. *Māmakavejiyasa* apparently corresponds to a Sanskrit *Māmakavaidyikasya*, and may mean 'belonging to the country or town of Māmakavaidya', though such a name is not known from other sources.

2. *Sandhasa* looks like *sandhasa*, but that reading would give no sense.

3. *Putasa* and *Sapāya* do not readily give any good sense; one is tempted to read *Buddhāya dharmāya saṅghāya cha*.

Inscriptions No. 5 and No. 6 cannot be translated with any confidence—the stone is much abraded.

*Inscription No. 7 in Cave XIV.*

Karahādakasa lōhavanīyasa Mapikasa[mahika-  
kasa]deyadharmanam lēpa.

*In Sanskrit.*

Karahādakasya lohavanījo mahikasya deya-  
dharmaḥ layanam ||

*Translation of No. 7.*

This cave is the benefaction of Mahika, an  
ironmonger of Karahāda.

*Remarks on No. 7.*

1. It ought to be noted that the first six as  
well as the ninth letters of this inscription re-

semble those used in Asoka's edicts, and differ  
considerably from the rest.

2. *Mapika* gives no sense; it must be changed  
into *Mahika*. Dr. Stevenson reads *Mohika*—*Jour.*  
*Bo. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. V. p. 171.

3. *Lohavanīyasa* would be in Sanskrit either  
*lohavanīyikasya* or *lohavanīyasya*. I prefer the  
latter etymology, because the former gives no  
sense.

4. Dr. Stevenson has already recognized in  
*Karahādakasa* the name of 'Karahād, a town on  
the Krishna, nearly in a direct line south from  
Satara.'

*Inscription No. 8 in Cave XV.*

Mahābhōjem Mādātē[maṇḍavē] Kohiputē Malidatē Apilase putasa sudhagachhakasa Rāmadata-  
sa deya  
dhema[dhamma]cha bhikkhaghara[bhikkhughar] uyaraka cha bhayāva sa° Velidatāva deya-  
dhammam uyaraka.

*Sanskrit of No. 8.*

Mahābhōjē Māṇḍavyē Kohiputrē Mallidattē apilasya putrasya śuddha gotrasya Rāmadattasya  
dēya.  
dhamascha bhikkhugriham uyarakascha bharyāyā sa° Velidattāyā deyadharma uyarakaḥ ||

*Translation of No. 8.*

While Māṇḍava (Māṇḍavya) Mali-  
data (Mallidatta) son of Kōhi (rules as)  
Mahābhōja, a dwelling for the ascetics and an  
Uyaraka [has been dedicated as] a charitable  
gift by Rāmadata (Rāmadatta) of pure  
family, son of Apila, and an Uyaraka [has been  
given] as a charitable gift by his wife Veli-  
datā (Velidattā), whose husband is alive.

*Remarks on No. 8.*

1. *Uyaraka* apparently corresponds with the  
aparaka of Nāsik No. 24, *Transactions Or. Congr.*  
1874, p. 347, which Professor Bhāṇḍārkar renders  
by 'apartment'. Childers' *Pali Dict.* gives *onaraka*  
with the meaning of 'inner or store room', and  
this explanation fits here also very well.

2. Mallidatta looks a Jaina name, as *Malli* is a  
name of one of the Tīrthamkaras.

3. For the forms *bhayāva* and *Velidatāva* com-  
pare *Parisadatva*, Nāsik 24. I think *va* is merely  
a substitute for *ya*, just as in *Tavatīna* for  
*trayastriṃśa drudha dyudha*, &c.—compare Kuhn,  
*Beitrage Paligram*, p. 42—and forms like *alldha-*  
*geva* for *drddhageyuh* in the Asoka inscriptions.

*Inscription No. 9 in Cave XVII.*

Siddha tberāna bhayata  
Vijayāna ativāsiniya  
pava-itikaya Sarpilāya  
deyadharmanam lēpanam saha sa-

lohitaḥi Vēphuyāhi. saha  
ativāsiniya Bodhiya.

*Sanskrit of No. 9.*

Siddham sthavirāṇām bhadanta-  
Vijayānām antevāsinyāḥ  
pravrajitakāyāḥ Sarpilāyā  
deyadharmaḥ layanam saha sa-  
lohitābhiḥ Viṣṇu-kābhiḥ sa[ha] sa-  
antevāsinyā Bodhiyā ||

*Translation of No. 9.*

Hail! This cave is the benefaction of the  
female ascetic Sarpilā (Sarpilā), disciple of  
the Thera Bhayata Vijaya (Bhadanta  
Vijaya), together with her venerable kinswoman  
Vēphuyā (Viṣṇū), and her disciple Bodhi.

*Remarks on No. 9.*

1. *Salohitā* is a not unusual Pāli word, equiva-  
lent to the Sanskrit *Salohitā*. The plural *salohi-*  
*tāhi Venhuyāhi* may be explained as plur. *majes-*  
*tatis*. *Viṣṇū* probably was a paternal or maternal  
aunt, and as such entitled to particular respect.

*No. 10 on a Well south of Cave XVIII.*

Mālākārasa Mugupa . . . [de]<sup>1</sup>  
yadhamatha-

*Sanskrit.*

Mālākārasya Mugu[pālitasya de]  
yadharmah stambhaḥ ||

<sup>1</sup> In the first line of the inscription four akṣaras have  
been lost, the last of which must have been *de*. As the

half-defaced letter before the lacuna seems to be *pd*, the  
whole name was most probably *Mugupālita*.



DATE OF THE CANCELLED COPPER-PLATE GRANT  
OF THE CHALUKYA KING VIJAYAVARMĀ

ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ॥ श्रीगणेशाय नमः ॥

1. SEAL OF THE COPPER-PLATE GRANT  
OF VIKRAMĀDITYA I. DATED ŚAKA 532.



2. SEAL OF THE COPPER-PLATE GRANT  
OF KANHARADĒVA. DATED ŚAKA 1171.



1. SEAL OF THE COPPER-PLATE GRANT  
OF RĀJARĀJA. DATED ŚAKA 944.



2. SEAL OF THE COPPER-PLATE GRANT OF  
KULOTTUNGA-CHŌPADEVĀ II. DATED ŚAKA 1056.



3. SEAL OF THE HARIHARA GRANT  
OF VINAYĀDITVA, OF S. 616.





*Translation.*  
 This pillar is the benefaction of the gardener  
 Mugupālita.  
*Inscription No. 11 on back wall of the Verandah  
 of Cave XVIII.*  
 . . . . . po sārthavāhasa Nāgasya leṇaṁ  
 deya dharmam.  
*Sanskrit of No. 11.*  
 . . . . . po sārthavāhasya Nāgasya  
 layanam deya dharmam ||

*Translation.*  
 This cave is the benefaction of Nāga, leader  
 of a caravan.  
*Inscription No. 12 in Cave XIX.*  
 Sēṭhino Vasupapakā  
 sa deya dharmam leṇa.  
*Sanskrit of No. 12.*  
 Śreṣṭhino Vasupapakā-sya deya dharmo  
 layanam ||  
*Translation of No. 12.*  
 This cave is the benefaction of the merchant  
 Vasupakā.

## THE INSCRIPTION OF RUDRADĀMAN AT JUNĀGADH.

BY BHAGAVĀNLĀL INDIRAJI PAṆḌIT AND DR. G. BÜHLER.

From the following inscription it appears that an artificial lake, called Sudarśana, was situated at the foot of the Girnār. It had first been dug by the brother-in-law of the Maurya king Chandragupta, a Vaisya called Pushyagupta, and had been adorned with outlets by Tushāspa, the Yavana governor of Aśoka.<sup>1</sup> In the seventy-second year of Rudradāman's reign, on the first day of the dark half of Mārgaśīrṣa, a heavy storm, attended by a copious rainfall, happened, quite out of season, and so much increased the force of the current of the rivers which flowed through the lake that it destroyed a great portion of the embankment which enclosed the latter. The water of the lake ran off, and its loss no doubt caused great inconvenience to the inhabitants of Junāgadh. A little later the dyke was repaired by the Pahlava Saviśākha, who, as Rudradāman's governor of Sorath and Anarta, resided at Junāgadh.

No tradition even of the former existence of the Sudarśana lake survives in Junāgadh. But it seems to me that it must have been situated to the east of the Girnār hill, on the site which is now called 'Bhavanātha's pass' (*bhavanāthānāṭh nāṭh*).

This narrow valley or ravine extends in length from east to west a little more than a mile, and is about as broad. On three sides it is enclosed by high hills; and on the fourth, towards the west, a narrow passage leads from it to the town. Two small perennial rivers, one of which is called Sonārekha, flow through it; and in the rainy season numerous other brooks, which

come from the surrounding hills, carry abundant water into it. The valley looks as if were destined by nature to be made a *talud*. All that is required to convert it into an enormous reservoir is to close up its mouth on the west by an embankment. In favour of the identification of this valley speak the resemblance of the modern name of one of the rivers, Sonārekha, to the Suvarṇasikātā of our inscription, and the fact that the foundations of an ancient wall or embankment are still extant on the side of the hills in the narrow opening of the valley, a little above the so-called Dāmodar Kuṇḍa, and opposite the sanctuary of the Musalman fakīr Jarāsā. These foundations I believe to be a remnant of the old embankment.

The inscription states that the dyke was destroyed in the seventy-second year of Rudradāman. But it seems altogether improbable that Rudradāman should have reigned for so long a time, and it is still less probable that he should have had a still longer reign, as the fact that the inscription was written after the completion of the long and difficult work of restoration would force us to assume. It seems therefore necessary to assume, as has been done by the former translators of the inscription, that the figure seventy-two refers not to the years of Rudradāman's reign, but to the era used on the Kshatrapa coins. This explanation is confirmed by the fact that the coins of Rudradāman's son, Rudrasimha, are dated between the years 102 and 117 of the same era. The same circumstance indicates also that Rudradāman's

<sup>1</sup> As the text calls Tushāspa te(na), 'that'—i.e. 'the celebrated'—Yavanarāja, it is not improbable that he was

more than a mere official. Perhaps he was the Sāmanta or feudal lord of Sorath.

reign must have come to an end about the year 100. The reign of Rudradāman must have been a long one, and cannot be estimated at less than thirty years. He therefore probably mounted the throne about the year 70. If this was the case, the inscription cannot have been written immediately after the destruction of the lake in the year 72. An interval of at least eight or ten years must lie between the two events. For, on the one hand, it is said that the work was abandoned after the first beginning by the king's ministers, because it was found too difficult, and that later only Suvisākhā succeeded in completing it. On the other hand, the numerous exploits of king Rudradāman which the inscription enumerates cannot have been performed in a few years. It is said that he conquered the Yaudheyas, who lived in the extreme north of his dominions; that he twice completely defeated Sātakarṇi, who ruled over the Dekhaṇ; and that he re-instated kings who had lost their thrones. Such a career requires at least ten years. I therefore conclude that the date of the incision of the inscriptions falls in the year 80 of the Kshatrapa era, or even a little later.

The name of Rudradāman's father, which has been effaced in our inscription, was, according to Mr. Burgess's inscription from the Junāgaḍh cave<sup>2</sup>, Jayadāman. The *visarga* before *putrasya* is a remnant of the genitive *jayadāmanah* which doubtlessly preceded it.

The three inscriptions of the Kshatrapas which have been hitherto discovered all begin the dynasty with Chashtana. Not one of them gives the name of Chashtana's father. The reason for this omission seems to be that Chashtana really was the first of the Kshatrapas, and that his father possessed no such title. The name of the father occurs on Chashtana's coins. But it is to be regretted that no really good specimens have been found, and that for this reason the name cannot be read with certainty. As far as I can make out, the legend on the coins is *rājā mahākshatrapasa ysamotikaputrasa, chashṭanasa*, "(the coin) of the king, Mahākshatrapa Chashtana, son of Ysamotika." The latter name is very curious, and the initial combination *ysa* altogether without analogy.

Perhaps it may have been intended to indicate that the *ysa* is to be pronounced soft, as *za*.

Be this as it may, Chashtana certainly was the first of his family who bore the title Kshatrapa. Before him it had been borne by another lord of western India, Nahapāna, who belonged to the family of Kshaharāta. This ruler, whose priority to Chashtana follows from a comparison of the types of their coins, or his immediate successor, was destroyed by the Āndhra king Gotamīputra, as we learn from the Nāsik inscriptions. Shortly afterwards Chashtana must have obtained the dignity of Kshatrapa, and seems to have retaken some of Gotamīputra's conquests from the latter's son Vāsisbṛhiputra. The word Kshatrapa has been identified by Mr. Prinsep with the Persian Satrap, and it has been conjectured that originally the wearers of this title were governors of some paramount king in the interior of India. It seems to me that the correctness of this conjecture, as far as Nahapāna, Chashtana, and Jayadāman are concerned, is corroborated by the fact that the coins of the first two show, besides the Nāgarī (or Pālī) characters, Bactrian Pālī legends also. The occurrence of the latter unmistakably points to a connection with the north, where this alphabet was in general use. Besides, the epithet *svayamadhigatamahākshatrapanāmnā*, 'by him who himself has earned the title Mahākshatrapa,' which is given to Rudradāman in our inscription, indicates that he had become free, and perhaps had freed himself, from subjection to a lord paramount.

It is not certain who the Sātakarṇi was whom Rudradāman conquered. For Sātakarṇi is not a name, but a title which probably belonged to all the kings of the Āndhra dynasty. My conjecture regarding the question is that the person intended is either Maḍharīputra or Gotamīputra II., as the letters in the inscriptions and coins of these two kings belong to the same time as those of Rudradāman's inscription. Further details regarding the Āndhra dynasty have been given in my papers in the *Jour. Do. Br. R. As. Soc.* vol. XII. pp. 303ff.<sup>3</sup>

As regards the names of the countries

<sup>2</sup> Second Report of the Archaeol. Survey of Western India, pp. 140, 141.

<sup>3</sup> See also Archaeol. Survey Report on Khjūāḍā and Kachh, pp. 131-133.—Ed.



mentioned in the inscription, I offer the following identifications:—

(a) Pūrvāpara Ākarāvanti I take to be the names of the two ancient divisions of Mālavā, and I construe *pūva*, 'eastern,' with *ākara* and *apara*, 'western,' with *Avanti*. This identification may be supported by a passage from the commentary in Vatsyāyana's *Kāmasūtra* (*adhiharaṇa* 3), where it is said that western Mālavā (which the text mentions) is Ujjayīnti, and eastern Mālavā is Mālavā properly so called.\* The latter would correspond with the Bhilsā district, the ancient capital of which was Vidiśā (now the deserted town of Besnagar), on the Vetravati. That Avanti is another name for Mālavā is well known.

(b) *Anūpa* means literally 'a well-watered country,' and *nivṛt* 'country' in general. I take the two words as a compound, and the first part as a proper noun. I therefore translate 'the Anūpa country.' But I am unable to identify it.†

(c) *Ānarta* is known from the *Mahābhārata* and the *Purāṇas*. It corresponds to northern Kāthiāvād. Its capital was Kuśāsthali, the modern Dvārakā.

(d) *Surāṣṭra* was the name of southern Kāthiāvād, which has been preserved in the form *Sorāṭh* as the designation of the Junāgadh territory.

(e) *Śvabhra* is either the country on the banks of the Sābharmatī, in Sanskrit *Śvabhramatī*, in northern Gujarāt, or the old name of Sāmbar (Sāmbar), in the Ajmir territory.

(f) *Maru* is, of course, a portion of modern Mārvāḍ; and *Kachha* the province north of Kāthiāvād, still called so.

(g) *Sindhu-Sauvira* probably com-

prises modern Sindh and a portion of the Multān districts. The two names are very commonly mentioned together, and the Jains name Vītabhaya as its capital (*Pravachanasāradhāra*, *doḥra* 12).

(h) *Aparānta* is, according to Varāhamihira (*Brhatsaṃhitā* XIV. 14. 20), a western country, and, according to the commentary of the *Vātsyāyana Kāmasūtra*, the coast of the western ocean.‡ It corresponds with the modern Konkanā, the district extending from Gokarna, in the Karwar Collectorate, to the Damān Gangā, the frontier river of Gujarāt, or perhaps even farther north to the Tāpī. This identification is supported by a passage of the *Arjunatīrthasūtra* in the *Ādiṣṭava* of the *Mahābhārata* where it is asserted that Arjuna, after going to visit the sanctuary of Paśupati at Gokarna, travelled to all the *tīrthas* in *Aparānta*, and, following the sea-coast, finally arrived in Prabhāsa (Somnāth Paṭṭan in Kāthiāvād).§ *Raghuvamśa* IV. 53, too, *Aparānta* is described as the country between the *Sahyādri* range (the western Ghāts) and the ocean; and Mallinātha, in his commentary on the verse, quotes the *Vishva-kosha* to the effect that Śūrpāraka was the capital of *Aparānta*. This town is the modern Sopārā, near Bassein (Vasai), in the Thāṇā districts, as has been shown by Mr. J. Burgess.¶

In my opinion the Greek name of the western coast of India, *Apasiē*, Ariake, is a corruption of *Aparāntikā*, which in Prakrit may have become *Abarāntikā* or *Avarāntikā*.

Regarding the other countries mentioned I am unable to say anything, nor am I able to decide where Rudradāman's capital was. On the latter point I will, however, say thus much, that it was not in Kāthiāvād, as this province was ruled by a governor.

[1] 'सिद्धे ॥ इदं तडाकं सुदर्शनं गिरिनगरा (त्रिपादरम) ————— (मृत्तिकोपलविस्तरा-

रायामोक्षयनिःसन्निवददृढतर्जपाळीकृत्वापर्वतपा-

\* Ujjayinīśatābhayāśatā cāpūrvamālavayā . . . . .  
mālavayā itī purvamaśvabhayā.

† Professor Bhāṇḍārkar has shown that the capital of Anūpa was Māhishmatī, and that it consequently corresponds with Nimād.

See *Trans. Or. Cong.* of 1874, p. 313.—G. B.

‡ *Vātsy. adhik.* 3: *aparāntikā itī paścimasamudratīre aparāntadeśas tatra bhayāḥ.*

§ . . . . . Gokarnamahitaḥ patam ||

Adyaṃ paśupate sthānam darśanādāra muktidaṃ ||  
yatra pāpāḥ manujāḥ prapūjyabhaiyāḥ padam ||

aparāntasya tīrthāni paśyānyāyatanāni cha |  
sarvānyarāṇapūrvyāni jagatkośāvirāmaḥ |  
samudra paścimāni yāni tīrthānyāyatanāni cha ||  
tha sarvāni gataḥ sa parbhāṣam upapannimān ||

¶ *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 321; vol. IV. p. 221; conf. *Second Archaeol. Report*, p. 161.—Ed.

¶ Varin lectures:—

L. I. गिरि is distinct, though faint, on the stone. The reading 'रदिरि' is very improbable. Bhagavānśilā, 'पारिकुलान्य' is doubtlessly the correct reading. But the stone has: *tpā* for *for*.—G. B.

- [<sup>6</sup>] दप्पतिस्पर्दि सुस्लिष्ट(बन्ध) ----- वजातेनाकविमेण  
सेतुबन्धेनोपपन्नं सुप्पतिविहितप्पनालीपरीवाहं
- [<sup>7</sup>] मीढविधानं च त्रिस्क(न्ध) ----- नादि-  
भिरनुपहैर्महत्युपचये वर्त्तते तदिदं राज्ञो महाक्षत्रपस्य सुगृही-
- [<sup>8</sup>] तनास्रः स्वामिचष्टनस्य पौत्र ----- :पुत्रस्य  
राज्ञो महाक्षत्रपस्य गुरुभिरभ्यस्तनास्रो रुद्रदासो वर्षे द्विसप्ततितमे ७२
- [<sup>9</sup>] मार्गशीर्षवद्वलप्र[तिपदि] ----- (सु) सृष्टवृष्टिना  
पर्जन्येन एकार्णवभूतायामिव पृथिव्यां कृतायां गिरेरूर्जयतः सुवर्णसिकता-
- [<sup>10</sup>] पलाशिनीप्रभृतीनां नदीनां अतिमात्रेदृत्तैर्वैः सेतुम् ----- [का]र्वमाणानुरू-  
पप्रतीकारमपि गिरिशिखरतरुतटाशालकोपतल्पद्वारशरणोच्छ्रयक्विसिना युगनिधनसदृ-
- [<sup>11</sup>] शपरमघोरवेगेन वायुना प्रमथितसलिलविसिप्तजर्जरीकृता(व) ----- क्षिप्रामवृक्षगु-  
ल्मलसाप्रतानं आनदीत(लादि)पुद्गुदितमासीत् चत्वारिहस्तशतानिषी (वि)शदुत्तराण्यायतेन एतावन्त्ये-  
व विस्तीर्णेन
- [<sup>12</sup>] पंचसप्ततिहस्तानवगादेन भेदेन निस्तृतसर्व्वतोयं मरुधन्वकल्पमतिभृशं दुर्द[र्शनं] -----  
(स्वा)यै मौर्यस्य राज्ञः चंद्रगु(प्तस्य)राष्ट्रियेण (वै)श्वेन पुष्यगुप्तेन कारितं अशोकस्य मौर्यस्य  
ते[तत्!]पवनराजेन तुषास्येनाधिष्ठाय
- [<sup>13</sup>] प्रनालीभिरलंकृतं तत्कारितया च राजानुरूपकृतविधानया तस्मि[न्]भेदे दृष्टया प्रणाख्या वि[स्तृत]  
से(तु) ----- नो आगर्भात्प्रभुच्यविहतसमु(दित)राजलक्ष्मी(धार)णायुगतस्सर्व्ववर्णैरभिगम्य  
रक्षणार्थं पतिते वृतेन आप्राणोच्छ्वासात्पुरुषवधनिवृत्तिकृत-
- [<sup>14</sup>] सप्तप्रतिज्ञेन अन्यत्र संयामेभ्यभिमुखागतसदृशशत्रुप्रहरणवितरणत्वाविगुणरि -----  
(धृ)तकारुण्येन स्वयमभिगतजनपदप्रणिपत्ति[विशे!]वशरणदेन दस्युव्याळमृगरोगादिभिरनुपसृष्टापूर्व्व-  
नगरनिगम-
- [<sup>15</sup>] जनपदानां स्ववीर्याजितानामनुरक्तसर्व्वप्रकृतीनां पूर्वापराकरावन्धनूपनीवृदानर्त्तसुराष्ट्रध(भ)मरुक-  
च्छ(सि)न्धुसौवीरकुपुरापरांतनिषादादीनां समग्रानां तत्प्रभावाद् ----- कामविषयाणां  
विषयाणां पतिना सर्व्वज्ञाविकृत-
- [<sup>16</sup>] वीरशब्दजातोत्सेकाविधेयानां यौधेयानां प्रसह्योत्सादकेन दक्षिणापथपतेस्तातकर्णेर्द्विरपि नीर्व्याजमव-  
जीत्यावजीत्य संबन्धवदूर(त)या अनुत्सादनात्प्राप्तयशसा मा(द) ----- (त)विजयेन भ्रष्टराजप्र-  
तिष्ठापकेन ययार्थहस्तो-

L. 2, the letters नम, visible in the photograph, have been left out by Bh. ७२<sup>०</sup> for परिवर्ह is doubtful.—G. B.

L. 3, probably न. [Bhagavānāli.] Eggeling's त्रिस्कन्द is, I suppose, a misprint. The stone shows faintly Bh.'s reading.—G. B.

L. 4, अस्तकाशे for नाशे is caused by a fissure in the stone, which has come out too clearly in the photograph. The down-stroke in the figure ४ which appears on the photograph is caused by an accidental fissure. The mason incised ४ only.—G. B.

L. 5, Bhagavānāli's प[तिपदि] is by no means certain. I think that the reading of the stone is प[तिपदि]. The stone has clearly ३ (४) above the प, which is not clear in the photograph.—G. B.

L. 7, Bhagavānāli's 'kshiptāma' is certain from the stone, though only the right-hand portion of the first akshara has been preserved.—G. B.

L. 8, the *ai* of *vaiṣya* is clearly visible on the stone. But the lower part of the akshara has completely peeled off. I think Bh. is right in his conjecture.—G. B.

L. 9, the akshara over रलंकृत is not clear on the stone. A letter has been lost after this word, perhaps a. Bhagavānāli's restoration, *samudita*, is doubtful.—G. B.

L. 10, the marks on the photograph after निगम are fissures or scratches, not letters.—G. B.

L. 11, only the *ra* of the syllable *Ma* in *maru* is quite clear. *Ma* in *maru* is certain even from the photograph.—G. B.

L. 12, for नीर्व्या, जीत्य, read निर्व्या<sup>०</sup>; जीत्य. [Bhagavānāli.] The क in प्रतिष्ठापकेन and the न in राज are doubtful; न and इय may be the correct readings.



- [<sup>13</sup>] सूर्याजितोजितधर्मानुरागेन शब्दार्थगान्धर्वन्यापादानां विद्यानां महतीनां पारणधारणविज्ञानप्रयो-  
गावाप्तविपुलकीर्तिना तुरगगजरथचर्यासिचर्मनियुद्धाद्या ----- परबललाघवसौष्ठव-  
क्रियेण अहरहर्दानमानान-  
[<sup>14</sup>] बमानशीलेन स्थूललक्षेण यथावन्नासैर्बलिमुल्लभागैः कनकरजतवज्रवैदूर्यरत्नोपचयविष्यन्दमानकोशेन  
स्फुटलघुमधुराचिब्रकान्तशब्दसमयो दारालंकृतगद्यपद्य ----- न प्रमाणमानोन्मानस्वर-  
गतिवर्णसारसत्वादिभिः  
[<sup>15</sup>] परमलक्षणव्यंजनैरुपेतकान्तमूर्तिना स्वयमधिगतमहाक्षत्रपनाम्ना नरैर्द्रकन्यास्वयंवरा नेकमाल्यमापदाद्वा  
महाक्षत्रपेण रुद्रादाद्वा वर्षसहस्राप गोत्राद्वा ----- त्वं धर्मकीर्तिवृद्धयर्थं च अपीड-  
यित्वा करविष्टि-  
[<sup>16</sup>] प्रणयक्रियाभिः पौरजानपदं जनं स्वस्मात्कोशा[त्]महता धनौघेन अनतिमहता च कालेन त्रिगुणदृ-  
ढतरविस्तारायामं सेतुं विधाय (सर्व)नग(र) ----- सुदर्शनतरं कारितमिति-  
(त)स्मिन्नर्थे  
[<sup>17</sup>] महाक्षत्रपस्य मत्तिसचिवकर्मसचिवैरमात्यगुणसमुद्युक्तैरप्यतिमहत्त्वाद्विदस्यानुत्साहविमुखमतिभिः प्रत्या-  
स्यातारंभं  
[<sup>18</sup>] पुनः सेतुबन्धनैराश्याद् हाहाभूतासु प्रजामु इहाधिष्ठाने पौरजानपदजनानुग्रहार्थं पार्थिवेन कृत्स्नाना-  
मानर्त्तमुद्राष्टाणां पालनार्थं न्ययुक्तेन  
[<sup>19</sup>] पल्लवेन कुलैपपुत्रेणामात्येन सुविशाखेन यथावदर्थधर्मं व्यवहारदर्शनेनुरागमाभिर्वर्द्धयता शक्तेन दान्ते-  
नाचपलेनाविस्मितेनार्येणाहार्येण  
[<sup>20</sup>] स्वधितिष्ठता धर्मकीर्तियक्षांसि भर्तुरभिर्वर्द्धयतानुष्ठितमिति

## Translation.

To the Perfect One<sup>10</sup>! This Sudarśana lake<sup>11</sup>, . . . . . possesses a well-joined construction rivalling the spurs<sup>12</sup> of the mountain, because it is entirely enclosed by a<sup>13</sup> embankment without holes, broad, long, and high, (made of) mud and stones. . . . . which is endowed with a natural<sup>14</sup> embankment, where outlets for the water have been made by means of conduits, the outline of which runs in curves like a stream of urine,<sup>15</sup> and which is divided into three parts. . . . . is through the benefactions such as . . . in the most excellent condition. This same (lake) . . . (was destroyed) in the seventy-second year of the great Kshatrapa, king B u d r a D ā m a n, whose name is repeated by great men, son of (Mahākshatrapa Jayādman),

L. 13, read हस्तौच्छ्रया.—

L. 13, the form of the da [ट] in अपीडयित्वा shows that Bhagavānlāl's reading of the sign in prandībhāḥ, &c. as j is correct.—G. B.

L. 19, 'धर्म' should be 'धर्म', as the stone and photograph read.—G. B.

<sup>10</sup> All translators have copied Dr. Stevenson's old mistake. The meaning of siddham is the same as that of svasti, 'hail'—G. B.

and grandson of Mahākshatrapa, king S v ā m i C h a s t ā n a, whose name is of auspicious import, on the (first day) of the dark half of the month of Mārgaśīrṣa . . . . .

. . . . . When, in consequence of the rain which had fallen very copiously, the earth had become, as it were, one ocean, by the excessive swelling of the currents of the Palāśini, of the S u v a r ṇ a s i k a t ā, and of the other rivers which (come) from Mount Ū r j a y a t, the embankment . . . . . in spite of suitable devices employed, an extremely furious hurricane, similar to the storm (which rages) at the Deluge, throwing down hill-tops, trees, rocks, terraces, (pieces of) the neighbouring ground, gates, houses, and pillars of victory, violently stirred the water, which (in its turn) displaced and broke . . . . . (thus

<sup>11</sup> Add '(which is situated near) the foot of the Girin-gara hill.'—G. B.

<sup>12</sup> Parastapāda are probably the spurs at the bottom of the hill, which in Gujarātī are called मृत् or पृ<sup>2</sup>.—Bh.

<sup>13</sup> Add 'solid' before 'embankment.'—G. B.

<sup>14</sup> 'Natural' refers to the hills which surrounded it on three sides: see below, Remark 1.—Bh.

<sup>15</sup> Mittrarekhā is a common expression in Gujarātī for 'crooked.'—Bh.

this lake,) into which stones, trees, bushes, and tangled creepers had been thrown, was opened down to the bottom of the river. As all its water escaped through the rent (*in the embankment*) one hundred and twenty ells long, as many (*ells*) broad, and seventy-five ells deep, it resembled a desert and became exceedingly unsightly . . . . . for the sake of . . . the Vaiśya Pushyagupta, the brother-in-law of the Maurya king Chandragupta, had caused to be constructed. It had been adorned with conduits<sup>16</sup> that Yavanarāja Tushāspa (*the servant*) of the Maurya (*king*) Aśoka. With the conduit made by him, the construction of which was worthy of a king, and which was visible in that rent, an extensive embankment . . . . .

He whom men freely elected their lord for their protection on account of this quality, that from his birth he bore the indelible and greatest (*marks of*) Royal Fortune; he who took, and kept to the end of his life, the vow to stop killing men except in battle; he who showed a compassionate disposition . . . . . to slay foes (*of*) equal (*strength*) that came to meet him, to surpass . . . he who afforded special protection, on account of their submission, to people that came to him of their own free will; he (*who is*) the lord of eastern and western Ākarāvati, of Anūpadeśa, Ānarta, Surāshtra, Śvabhra, Maru, Kachha, Sindhu,<sup>17</sup> Sauvira, Kukura, Aparānta, Nishāda, and other territories, in which the people of new towns (*even*) and bāzars are not attacked by thieves, snakes, (*wild*) beasts, diseases, and the like, which he has gained by his own valour, in which all people are loyal, (*in which*), in consequence of his power . . . . . (*are found all*) objects of enjoyment; he who annihilated the Yaudheyas who had become arrogant and disobedient in consequence of their receiving from all Kshatriyas the title 'the heroes'; he who has obtained glory because he did not destroy Sātakarṇi, the lord of the Dekhan, on account of his near relationship, though he twice really conquered him; he who has gained victorious . . . . .; he who has restored

to their thrones deposed kings; he who by raising his hand not in vain (*i.e.* by giving religious gifts) has earned the affection of *Dharma*; he who has gained great fame by studying to the end, by remembering, understanding, and applying the great sciences such as grammar, polity, music, logic; (*he who*) . . . . . the management of horses, elephants, and chariots, fighting with the sword and the shield,<sup>18</sup> &c.; he who easily and fully conquers hostile armies; he whose nature it is to give daily presents to, to confer honour on, and not to slight (*his servants*); he who possesses large views; he whose treasury overflows with gold, silver, diamonds, lapis-lazuli, and quantities of (*other*) precious objects, which he has obtained in a righteous manner as presents, dues, and (*royal*) shares; (*he whose*) prose and metrical compositions are clear, (*distinguished by*) brevity, sweet, admirable, lovely, remarkable for grammatical correctness and embellished by (*rhetorical*) ornaments. . . . .; he whose beautiful frame is endowed with the most excellent marks and signs, such as proper size (*in height and breadth*), (*proper*) weight, (*due*) proportion (*in the limbs*), (*a pleasing*) voice, (*majestic*) gait, (*a beautiful*) complexion, strength and prowess; he who himself has earned the title Mahākshatrapa; he who has obtained numerous garlands at the *svayamhvaras* of kings' daughters;—he, the Mahākshatrapa Rudradāman, for the sake of a thousand years, for the sake of . . . . . cows and Brahmins, and for the increase of his merit and fame, has rebuilt the embankment three times stronger in breadth and length, in a not very long time, expending a great amount of money from his own treasury, without oppressing the people of the town and of the province by (*exacting*) taxes, forced labour, acts of affection,<sup>19</sup> and the like,—the whole town . . . . . (*and*) has made the lake more beautiful (*or* more worthy of the name Sudarśana) (*than before*). When in this affair the Mahākshatrapa's advisers and engineers, though possessed of the qualifications of ministers, lost heart on account of the enormous size of the gap and gave up the undertaking, and when the people, despairing of seeing the em-

<sup>16</sup> Insert 'under the superintendence of.' I regret that I cannot agree with Bhagvānī-Bhāṭ Dāṭ's conjecture *tena* or *tat* ('that'). I believe there is some greater corruption in the original.—G. B.

<sup>17</sup> The reading *Sindhu* has been suggested to me by Dr. Bühler.—Bh.

<sup>18</sup> I propose 'to use the sword and the shield, (*the science of*) pugilism, &c.'—G. B.

<sup>19</sup> Probably a kind of tax like the modern *pridda*?



bankment rebuilt, began to lament, (*the work*)<sup>20</sup> was accomplished by the minister *Suviśākhā*, the son of *Kulaipa*, a *Pahlava*, who has been appointed by the king, out of kindness towards the town and country people, to protect the whole of *Ānarta* and *Surāshtra*, who by the proper dispensation of justice in temporal and spiritual affairs increases the affection (*of the subjects*), who is able, of subdued senses, neither hasty nor wanting in presence of mind, of noble family and unconquered, who governs well and increases the spiritual merit, fame, and glory of his master."

NOTE by Dr. G. BÜHLER.

The Gujarātī original of the above article was made over to me for translation by Pandit Bhagavānlāl in the end of May 1877. Various personal reasons prevented my going to work on it at once. But even now, after Professor Eggeling's revised transcript and version of the inscription has appeared in Mr. Burgess's *Report of Kāthiāwād*, I do not think that the publication of Bhagavānlāl's paper will be deemed superfluous. Mr. Burgess's facsimile, it is true, is a very good one, and Professor Eggeling's work shows great progress as compared with Dr. Bhāu Dājī's. Still a repeated and careful comparison of the stone with the photograph from Mr. Burgess's paper cast, which I made in December 1876, has yielded a few better readings in such places where the faintness of the letters, or accidental scratches, necessarily made

the readings from the photograph doubtful. Most of these have also been given by Bhagavānlāl, but I have once more pointed them out in the notes to his transcript.

I fully concur in most of the Pandit's important new readings and new renderings. One of his remarks also I recommend to special notice, the identification of the Greek name of the western coast, *Arabike* or *Arinake*, with *Apārāntikā*. I have no doubt that he is right, and that the reading *Arabike* (APABIKH) in the *Periplus*<sup>21</sup> has to be altered to *Aharutike* (ABAPATIKH). The identification of *Āparānta* with the *Konkapa* has been made first by Prof. R. G. Bhāṇḍārkar, *Trans. Or. Cong.* p. 313. The same gentleman's identification of *Kakara* with Hiwan Thsang's *Kiu-che-lo* cannot stand, as *ka* is never represented by Chinese *che*, and the identification with *Gujjara* is perfectly unobjectionable. Mr. Burgess's identification of *Nishāda*<sup>22</sup> with *Berar* rests on a mistake. *Nala*'s kingdom is called *Nishādha*, not *Nishāda*. It would seem that there were several districts in ancient India which bore this name. In our inscription, probably, the north-western *Nishāda*, which, according to a passage of the *Mahābhārata* (see the *Pst. Diet.* s. v. *Nishāda*), corresponded with the *Hissār* and *Bhatnār* districts, is meant. Bhagavānlāl's *Śvabhra* is a bold conjecture which is not sufficiently supported. But he is right in not accepting the form *Āśvaka* which former decipherers have imported into the text.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEA.

### THE PĀRSĪ PRIESTHOOD.

To the Editor of the "*Indian Antiquary*."

SIR,—The communication from Mr. Sorābjī Kārnājī Khambātā in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. VII. p. 179, pointing out some errors in the information which Prof. Monier Williams had received regarding the Pārsī religion and rites, shows that there are still some obscurities with respect to the classification and titles of the Pārsī priesthood, which it ought not to be difficult to clear up.

Mr. H. G. Briggs, in his work on *The Parsis or Modern Zoroastrians*, says, on the subject of the priesthood (p. 45)—"*Mubed* is the general term, and tantamount in acceptance to our word

*Clergy*. The learned among them, and those who hold spiritual dignity, are denominated *Dasture* or *Andhādus*, almost significant to our *Doctors* and *Bishops*. *Herbade* are the inferior clergy."

This is not the same as the account given by Prof. Monier Williams. Mr. Sorābjī Kārnājī's differs from both. And it might be assumed that his is correct, were it not that it has an appearance of being a little at variance with itself. *Herbad*, it says, is "a more generic term for *Dasturs* and *Mubeds*," while a footnote says, "Some *Herbade* are neither *Dasturs* nor *Mubeds*, for they do not choose to enter the holy order."

The account of this priesthood would be made more distinct if, in addition to a statement of the

<sup>20</sup> *Karna* must be added in the text.

<sup>21</sup> *Apurys* occurs in the *Periplus*, §§ 14, 41, and 54; in

the second, the reading *Apurys* occurs in the codex, but is generally regarded as corrupt.—Ed.

<sup>22</sup> *Report on Kāth.* p. 131.

classification and titles, and of ceremonies regulating admission (to which your correspondent briefly refers), it embraced also some notice of the several qualifications required and duties performed.

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#### A CASE OF SAMĀDH IN INDIA.

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It may interest some of your readers if I give a brief account of a case of *Samādā* which has recently occurred in the district of Kaira (Khedā), in Gujarāt. The particulars were furnished to me by Mr. Frederick Sheppard, the energetic Collector, in whose camp I stayed twice during my Indian travels. Permit me, however, to introduce the narrative by a few remarks about sacrifice, immolation, and self-torture, all of which were once common in India.

In what may be called the Brāhmanical period, which succeeded the Vedic period of Hinduism, human sacrifice must have prevailed. This is sufficiently evident from the story of Śunahśepha in the *Āitareya-brāhmaṇa*. It is even believed by many that the sects called Śāktas (or Tāntrikas) formerly ate portions of the flesh and drank the blood of the victims sacrificed at their secret orgies. Human sacrifices, however, were probably rare, while the sacrifice of animals became universal. The first idea of sacrifice seems to have been that of supplying the deities with nourishment. Gods and men all feasted together. Then succeeded the notion of the need of vicarious suffering, or life for life, blood for blood. Some deities were believed to thirst for human blood, and the blood of animals was substituted for that of men. One of the effects of Buddhism was to cause a rapid diminution of animal sacrifice. It is now rarely seen except at the altars of the goddess Kālī, or of forms and near relations of Kālī (such as the *Gṛāma-devitīs* (village mothers), and at the altars of the tutelary deity *Ayeṇār*,<sup>1</sup> and at devil-shrines in the south. I myself saw very few animals sacrificed even to the bloody goddesses, though I took pains to visit them on the proper days.

Other forms of immolation were once common in India. The Thags maintained that they sacrificed their victims to the goddess Kālī. Now that Thagiam has been suppressed by us, a good deal of *datura*-poisoning is practised by the same class of people. The killing of female infants once prevailed extensively in the Panjāb and Rājputāna, owing to the difficulty of providing daughters with suitable husbands, and the immense expenses entailed by nuptial festivities.

Again, in former days self-immolation was common. Many immolated themselves at the great car-festivals, voluntarily throwing themselves under the enormous wheels, not only of the car of Jagānnāth at Puri, in Orissa, but of other idol-cars also.

I found similar cars attached to every large pagoda in the south of India. Some of them are so large and heavy that they require to be supported on sixteen wheels, and on a particular day once a year they are drawn through the streets by thousands of people. Every now and then persons are crushed under the wheels; for our civilization has tended to the increase of religious gatherings among the natives, by creating facilities of communication, and the best government cannot always prevent accidents.

Self-immolation in other ways was once extensively prevalent. Arrian, it is well known, describes how, in the time of Alexander the Great, a man named Kalanos—one of the sect of Indian wise men who went naked—burned himself upon a pile.<sup>2</sup> This description is like that of the self-cremation of the ascetic Sarabhaṅga in *Edmadya* iii. 9. There are some sand-hills in the Śātpura range dedicated to the god Śiva,—supposed as Mahākāla to delight in destruction,—from a rock on which many youths have precipitated themselves, because their mothers, being without children, have dedicated their first-born sons to the god.

With regard to the immolation of the faithful wife (commonly called *sati*) who followed her husband in death, and burned herself on his funeral pile, everywhere in India, I saw scattered about in various places monuments erected over the ashes of *satīs*; and everywhere such monuments are still regarded with the greatest veneration by the people.

Happily we put a stop to this practice in 1829, though we had previously sanctioned it under certain regulations, believing that we ought not to interfere with an ancient religious custom. In one year an official report of 800 widows burnt was received at Calcutta. Between 1815 and 1828 the average varied from 300 to 500 per annum.

We have also prevented the burying alive of lepers, and others afflicted with incurable diseases, which was once universally prevalent in the Panjāb, and common in some other parts of India.

Of course, leprosy in India, as in other Eastern countries, is a kind of living death. Lepers are excluded from society, and can get no employment; and they often gave themselves up of their own accord to be buried alive, the motive simply being

<sup>1</sup> The son of Śiva by Mohini, also called Hari Hara.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> *Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. pp. 245-6, 334-5; and Plutarch's *Alexander*, 65.—Ed.



a desire to be released from physical suffering. This was called performing *samādhi* (Sanskrit—*samādhi*, suspending the connexion between soul and body by religious abstraction).

Sleeman describes how he once knew a very respectable Hindu gentleman who came to the river Narmadā, attended by a large retinue, to perform *samādhi*, in consequence of an incurable disease under which he laboured. After taking leave of his family, he entered a boat, which conveyed him to the deepest part of the river. He then loaded himself with sand, and stepping into the water disappeared.

In most of these cases the laudable humanity of our Government in preserving human life has given rise to fresh evils and difficulties.

In the first place, population is increasing upon us in a degree which threatens to become wholly unmanageable. Then, widows never marry again; not even if their boy-husbands die, leaving them widows at the age of six. A woman is supposed to be sacramentally united to one husband, and belongs to him for ever. Every town, every village, almost every house, is full of widows, who are debarred from all amusements, and converted into household drudges. They often lead bad lives. Their life, like that of the lepers, is a kind of living death, and they would often cheerfully give themselves up to be burned alive if the law would let them. Only the other day in Nepāl, where our supremacy is still barely recognized, the widows of Sir Jang Bahādur became *saffi*, and burned themselves with their husband.

Then, again, the increase in the number of girls who cannot find suitable husbands is now causing much embarrassment in some districts; and even the lepers, whose lives we preserve, involve us in peculiar difficulties. These unfortunate creatures often roam about the country, exacting food from the people by threatening to touch their children.

Here and there we have built leper-villages—rows of cottages under trees, devoted to their use; and we make the towns contribute from local funds to support them, while charity ekes out the miserable pittance they receive.

As to the practice of self-torture, this cannot be entirely prevented by our Government, but it is rapidly dying out. Formerly, it was possible for devotees—with the object of exciting admiration, or extorting alms, or under the delusion that their self-torture was an act of religious merit—to swing in the air attached to a lofty pole by means of a rope and hook passed through the muscles of the back. Such self-inflicted mutilation is now prohibited. Yet, even in the present day, to acquire a reputation for sanctity, or to receive homage and offerings from the multitude, or under

the idea of accumulating a store of merit, all sorts of bodily sufferings, penances, and austerities, even to virtual suicide, are undergone—the latter being sometimes actually perpetrated out of mere revenge,—as its consequences are supposed to fall on the enemy whose action has driven the deceased to self-immolation.

I saw a man not long since at Allahābād who has sat in one position for fifty years on a stone pedestal exposed to sun, wind, and rain. He never moves except once a day, when his attendants lead him to the Ganges. He is an object of worship to thousands, and even high-caste Brāhmins pay him homage.

I saw two *Urdhva-bāhus*, one at Gayā and the other at Banāras,—that is, devotees who hold their arms with clenched fists above their heads for years, until they become shrivelled and the finger-nails penetrate through the back of the hands. Another man was prostrating himself and measuring every inch of the ground with his body round the hill of Govardhan when I passed.

Two attempts at *samādhi* occurred in Mr. Sheppard's district. A devotee announced his intention of adopting this extraordinary method of securing perfect abstraction and beatitude, and was actually buried alive in the neighbourhood of a village. His friends were detected by the villagers in pouring milk down a hollow bamboo which had been arranged to supply the buried man with air and food. The bamboo was removed, and the interred man was found dead, when his friends opened the grave shortly afterwards.

The other attempt is still more recent, and I will conclude this communication by giving Mr. Sheppard's own account of it, almost in his own words:—"As I was shooting near my camp one evening, a mounted orderly came up with news that a *Bhāt* had performed *samādhi* that afternoon in a neighbouring village, and that there was much consequent excitement there. Not having a horse with me, I directed the orderly to ride off to the village (picking up my police escort as he passed through my camp) and to dig up the buried man, taking into custody any persons who might endeavour to oppose the execution of my orders.

"On returning to my camp, I ordered the apprehension of all those who had assisted in the *samādhi*, and soon afterwards received a report that the man had been actually buried in a vault in his own house, but had been taken out alive. He was, however, very weak, and died the following morning. It was then reported to me that the limbs, though cold, had not stiffened, and the people—ready, as of old, to be deceived, and always inclined to attribute the smallest departure from

the ordinary course of events to supernatural agency—declared that the Bhāt was not dead, but lying in the *samādhi* trance. There was, however, no pulse, and as it was clear that, even if the supposition of the villagers was correct, medical treatment would be desirable, I sent the body in a cart to the nearest dispensary, distant some six or seven miles, and in due time received a certificate of death from the hospital assistant in charge of that institution, together with a report of a *post-mortem* examination of the body, which showed that death had resulted from heart-disease.

"Meanwhile I visited the village and ascertained the following facts:—The deceased was a man in fairly comfortable circumstances, and with some religious pretensions. It was well known that he aspired to a still higher reputation for sanctity, and that, with this view, he had for several months been contemplating *samādhi*. The proper date for this rite had been finally settled, after many solemn ceremonies and the due observance of fasting, prayer, and charity.

"On the afternoon fixed for the *samādhi* he assembled the villagers, and told them that it had been imparted to him in a vision that the Deity required him to pass six weeks in religious abstraction, and that he felt compelled to obey the divine command, and to remain in the vault prepared for him during that period. He then produced and worshipped a small earthen vessel containing the sacred Tulsi plant, and afterwards carefully planted therein twenty grains of barley, telling the villagers to watch for their growth, as it had been revealed to him that the grains represented his life. If at the end of the six weeks the grains had sprouted, the villagers were to understand that the Bhāt was still alive. He was then to be removed from the vault, and worshipped as a saint. If, on the other hand, germination had not taken place, they were to understand that the Bhāt was dead also, and the vault was in that case to be permanently bricked up, and the Tulsi planted over the grave.

"After giving these directions, the devotees recited some *mantras* and entered the vault, bidding farewell to the world, and declaring his belief that his life would be miraculously preserved. The vault was then roofed over with boards, and plastered thickly with mud. About two hours after this event, he was removed from the vault by the police under my orders, and placed in the verandah, the house itself being locked up.

"After ascertaining the above particulars, I caused the house to be opened, and then discovered that a gross attempt at imposture had been practised. The grave was about three feet deep, being a hole dug in the floor of the inner room of the house.

The wall of the room formed one side of the vault. The roof over the latter was a clumsy structure, and had been partly demolished to allow of the removal of the devotee. As usual in India, the only light admitted to the room was through the door, and the unsubstantial nature of the roof was not likely to attract the attention of the villagers. But I satisfied myself that the occupant of the vault might, with great ease, have demolished the covering which was supposed to shut him off from the world.

"The vault itself was somewhat dark. I entered it in order to ascertain how much space had been allotted to the occupant. I found therein the rosary of the deceased, and the chaplet of flowers which he had worn before his self-immolation. There was sufficient room for me to sit in tolerable comfort. On one side of the vault I felt a small wooden plank apparently let into the wall, and on obtaining a light I found that a trap-door about a foot square had been ingeniously contrived to communicate with the other room of the house. The trap-door was so hung as to open inwards, towards the vault, at the pleasure of the inmate. On going into the outer room, into which communication had thus been opened, I found that a row of the large earthen jars, which Horace would have called *amphoræ*, and which are used in India to store grain, had been arranged against the wall. The trap-door into the vault was effectually concealed by them, and the supply of air, food, and water to the impostor within, thus cleverly provided for. The arrangement was neatly contrived, and was not likely to have attracted suspicion. Had the Bhāt been a strong man, and in good health, he might, without any danger to life, and with only a minimum of discomfort, have emerged triumphantly after his six weeks' *samādhi*, and have earned a wide reputation. But the excitement and fasting were too much for him."—*Athenæum*, August 4th, 1877.

#### ARUNAD YAVANO MADHYAMIKĀM.

Mr. Carleyle's and General Cunningham's remarks on pp. 201-205 of Vol. VI. of the *Archæological Survey Reports* induce me to state that the oldest and best MSS. both of the *Mahābhāṣya* and of the *Kāśikā Vyāṁśi* on P. III. 2. 111 read अरुणयवो मध्यमिका (and not मध्यमिकार). A marginal note in one of the MSS. of the *Mahābhāṣya* states that Madhyamikā was a town (नगरी); Nāgajibhatta on P. VI. 3. 37 likewise says मध्यमिका नगरी; and in the *Gaṇaratnamahodadhī* we read मध्ये भवा मध्यमिका नगरी. तस्यां भवो मध्यमिकारः.

I leave it to General Cunningham to decide whether this correct reading *Madhyamikā* is of any



value for the interpretation of the legend on the coins found by Mr. Carleyle, and whether the ancient city of Nāgari may originally have been called *Madhyamika*. To me it would seem that the *Majhamikāya* of the coins might well be the oblique case of a feminine noun in *ā*, equivalent to a Sanskrit form *मध्यमिकायाः*.

Later writers have freely copied Kātyāyana's *Vārttika* on P. III. 2. 111, and in some cases also Patanjali's instances. The author of the *Prasiddhi* (a commentary on the *Prākriya-kāṇḍī*) quotes अहमयवः साकेतः; the same instance we find in the *Jainendra-mahācāritī* of Abhayasūdin, who instances besides अहमयवः साकेतः; and in the *Sabdarāga-chandrikā*, another commentary on the *Jainendra-sūtrakāya*, we read अहमयवः साकेतः. But the most interesting instances are no doubt those which Hemachandra in his Sanskrit grammar gives for his rule *पदान्ते ण्ये, &c.* :—

अहमयवः साकेतः (sic), and अहमयवः साकेतः.

According to the late Dr. Bhān Dīji, Hemachandra lived 1088-1172 A.D., and Siddharāja reigned some time during the first half of the 12th century (Lassen, vol. III, p. 567).

F. KIELHOEN.

#### HALLÉ MAKKALU.

From inquiries lately made I find that the Morasu Holiyars are the Halle Makkalu—old (adopted) sons—of the Morasu Wakkligas.<sup>1</sup>

"In former times" the Morasu Holiyars had the following privileges :—

- (i.) Carrying the Wakkliga bride's box in which her trousseau was placed ;
- (ii.) Washing the feet of the Wakkliga bride and bridegroom ;
- (iii.) Assisting to carry to its grave the body of a deceased Wakkliga ;
- (iv.) Partaking of the *piṇḍa*, i.e. the food prepared on the third day after death, and of which, as a rule, only members of the family can partake.

Of these four privileges the first is now the only one universally admitted and exercised. Individual Wakkligas deny that the Holiyars exercised all these privileges, but a very little cross-examination soon brings out that the denial is confined to the privileges being exercised with regard to the individual and his own relations ; that he is aware the Holiyars are said to have had these privileges in former times, and believes that here and there even now they occasionally exercise them. This is only what is to be expected. Each individual tries to make the most of his own family, and denies any relationship with a lower caste. There

is sufficient evidence to prove that the Morasu Holiyars are affiliated to the Morasu Wakkligas.

Why this took place I have been unable to discover, but a more than ordinarily intelligent head-man said that he thought the Holiyars had been adopted because they assisted the Wakkligas when they first came to the country.

The Morasu Holiyars are the only Holiyars who weave cloth.

What is the meaning of Morasu? I think it must have been the old name of that part of the country where the Morasu Wakkligas are to be found.

Among the Wakkligas of Mysore the following appellatives are to be found :—Morasu, Hallé Gangādīkar, and Nonaba, and the same appellatives are to be found among the Holiyars. Now the Gangādīkar and Nonaba Wakkligas evidently derived their respective appellative from the old name of that part of the country where to this day they are to be found in the largest numbers. The Gangādīkar Wakkligas are chiefly in the south and west of the Mysore district, and this part of the country was formerly called Gangādī. In the same way the Nonaba Wakkligas are found in the west of the Tumkur district, which part of the country was formerly known as Nonabavādī. Reasoning by analogy, the ancient name of those parts of the country where there is an appellative common to both Wakkligas and Holiyars ought to be the appellative. The Morasu Wakkligas are to be found principally in the Bangalore district, the Halle Wakkligas in the Hassan district. Perhaps some of the readers of the *Antiquary* in those districts could help in clearing up this point.

I can add little or nothing about the Kōṅgaru Holiyars. The term Kōṅgaru is applied by the Kanarese-speaking people to the Tamil-speaking camp followers of regiments. I saw an old man the other day at Tyamangalla, Nellanangla Talukā, who said he was a Kōṅgira Holiyar, he came up to this part of the country with the commissariat elephants. He eats with the Holiyars of this country, but he told me that among the Holiyars of Madras there is a sub-division who correspond to Halle Makkalu. They are called Pullkutti pariahś of the Vellalas. He would not eat at the houses of any of this sub-division, but they would in his. Some of your Madras readers ought to be able to say if the old man is right or not.

J. S. F. MACKESTIE.

Bangalore, 9th May 1878.

<sup>1</sup> Conf. *Ind. Ant.* vol. I. p. 33; vol. II. pp. 40, 50, 170; vol. III. pp. 8, 191, 197.

## NOTE ON THE ORISSA HYPOETHRAL TEMPLE.

After the notice of the remarkable temple discovered by the late Sir John Campbell in Orissa had appeared in the *Antiquary* (ante, page 19), I met with the description of a somewhat similar structure in General Cunningham's *Archæological Reports*, vol. II. (for 1864-5).

It was found among the ruins of Khajuraho, an ancient site in Bandelkhand, between Chhatrapur and Panna, which in more recent times was the capital of the Chandel Rājputs, who flourished from the 9th to the 14th century.

By the present inhabitants the building is known as the Temple of the Chāṇsat Yōgini, or "64 female demons," and consists of a massive oblong enclosure constructed of granite and open above, the length of which is 102½ feet, and the breadth 58½ feet. The exterior is simply ornamented with three broad flat horizontal mouldings, but round the inside are 64 cells or niches, 22 on each side and 10 at each end (exclusive of the entrance and a larger cell opposite), each cell 36½ inches high by 28½ broad, intended apparently for the reception of an image which no longer exists.

At what period the Yōgini's were worshipped, why their number is fixed at 64, and what place they hold in the Śaiva theogony, is not clear.<sup>1</sup> It may even be doubted whether they belong to any of the recent forms of superstition with which we are acquainted. The temple at Khajuraho bearing their name is evidently of greater antiquity than the neighbouring buildings. It is the only one constructed of granite, all the others being built of a light-coloured fine sandstone, quarried hard by, and it is the only one not placed due north and south—all pointing to a different age and a distinct race of worshippers.

On these points, however, we may hope to be further enlightened shortly. A late letter from General Cunningham states he has discovered a third example of the same kind of structure, which he is now engaged in describing,—viz. a circular cloister containing the 64 Yōgini's, with several other statues, most of them accompanied by inscriptions, which will doubtless indicate their precise character.

WALTER ELLIOT.

## MR. HENRY BLOCHMANN.

Oriental literature has sustained an irreparable loss by the death of Mr. H. Blochmann, Principal of the Muhammadan College at Calcutta, and for many years the active Secretary of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. Cut off at the early age of

forty, ere he had attained the full maturity of his powers, he has left behind him a rich store of early gathered fruit, the earnest of an abundant harvest never to be garnered. Mr. Blochmann's acquirements in Arabic and Persian, and the accuracy and soundness of his knowledge, marked him out for a teacher. In early life his desire to become personally acquainted with the East led him to enlist as a soldier; but arrived in India his scholarship soon became known, and he was appointed to a subordinate position in the college of which he died the chief. In this office he had peculiar opportunities of extending his knowledge, and he was indefatigable in turning them to account. He enjoyed the society of learned Musalmāns, and the stores of public and private libraries were at his command. They were well used. Few men had a more intimate acquaintance with Muhammadan life, and none surpassed him in his knowledge of Arabic and Persian MSS. A living catalogue, it was seldom that an inquiry about books was addressed to him in vain. The pages of the *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal* attest the activity and diversity of his researches. Literature and lexicography, coins and inscriptions, in turn engaged his attention. But two subjects he made peculiarly his own—Persian prosody, the difficulties and mysteries of which he has done much to unravel; and the life and reign of the great emperor Akbar. The translation of the *Ain-i-Akbari*, the Institutes of Akbar, is Blochmann's *magnum opus*, and on this his reputation will mainly rest. He has published a large portion of the Persian text, but unhappily only one volume of the translation has appeared. It is greatly to be hoped that the MS. of the remainder is in a forward state of preparation, for who would venture to take up the pen which his hand dropped? The translation of a Persian book into English may not seem a great and arduous work to those who have no knowledge of the original text. But this book deals with intricate and technical subjects, and is written in a style which native writers consider as abstruse and difficult. With all his knowledge, and with the great sources of information at his command, there are passages which Mr. Blochmann could not interpret, and he has shown the manliness and honesty of the true scholar in saying so. In this translation he has inserted a series of memoirs of the great men of the days of Akbar,—a peerage, in fact, of the Moghal Empire, comprising more than four hundred names. This was entirely his own compilation, and it supplies a most interesting and instructive series of pictures of the life and manners of the time.—JOHN DOWSON. (*The Academy*.)

<sup>1</sup> Wilson renders Yōgini by "a female sand or sprite attendant on and created by Durgā; in some places eight Yōgini's are enumerated by name": *Sans. Dict.* s. v. This supports Mr. Walhouse's suggestion, at p. 137, regarding "the eight stone images facing inwards" at the Tri-

murti Kōvil in Koimbatur. These female demons may have some connection with the Turanian deities described and figured by Pallas in his *Sammlungen historischer Nachrichten über den Mongolischen Volkswesen* über P. T. Pallas, St. Petersburg, 1776.



## BOOK NOTICES.

ORIGINAL LETTERS AND PAPERS of the late Viscount Strangford upon philological and kindred subjects. Edited by Viscountess Strangford (8vo, pp. 284.) London: Treubner & Co. 1878.

The late Lord Strangford, condemned by his father to the diplomatic career in which the latter had risen to eminence,—for which the son seems to have had no taste—consoled himself with philological studies more extensive and profound than those of any other Englishman of his day not being a professional scholar. Fate or temperament prevented him from ever embodying the results in anything that could be called a book; but fortunately his widow is fitted by her own talents and acquirements to select and edit the present volume, which with the two published by Bentley in 1869 are enough to show what he was and might have been.

The volume under review contains notes and reflections upon almost every language under the sun, of which a couple attacking the "Dog Persian" of the Government of India will perhaps be the most interesting to our readers. But the special value of the work consists first in the intense scorn of theorism and sciolism which pervades these miscellaneous selections as thoroughly as if they formed a single treatise written for the express purpose of keeping philological and ethnological sciences from running off the rails; and secondly in the astonishing wit and humour of almost every sentence.<sup>1</sup>

One cannot close the book without thinking how much happier and more useful might have been the career of the noble writer—noble more by nature than by race—if the lines had fallen for him in places a little farther East; and if, instead of the cramping, disheartening influences of a diplomatic chancery, he had grown up under those of early power and responsibility, which form the heat man of the Indian services.

S.

OUTLINES of the History of Religion to the Spread of the Universal Religions. By Professor C. P. Tiele, D. Th., Professor of the History of Religions in the University of Leiden. pp. 249. London: Treubner & Co. 1877.

Professor Tiele states that the time for writing an elaborate history of religion has not yet come. He does not pretend to supply more than outlines, mere "pencil-sketches," helpful towards the full picture which will in due time be drawn. This "little work," as he modestly calls it, contains an introduction and five chapters. It traverses an

immense extent of ground, without seeking to describe with minute accuracy any part of it. We are very far from accepting all the Professor's inferences from facts, or even all his supposed facts; but the work supplies evidence both of extensive reading and of careful reflection.

Professor Tiele<sup>2</sup> belongs to the advanced school of "liberal" theologians. He does not believe in Revelation—at least in the sense in which the term is usually applied to religion. In all religions we trace, according to the professor, only a process of development or natural growth. He thus comes to enunciate, especially in treating of the faith of Israel, opinions which violently conflict with the belief of nine-tenths, or more, of Christendom. The professor is, of course, aware of this; but he goes on in serene self-confidence, making one bold asseveration after another, hardly condescending to refute his opponents, or even to supply evidence of the truth of his own positions.

We intend to enter into no contest with Professor Tiele. We simply bring under the notice of our readers the views of a good representative of a certain school. Besides, our author is professor of the History of Religions, and on his own special subject he deserves an attentive hearing.

He holds that the earliest religion has left but few traces behind it. It was followed by Animism, or the worship of spirits. This stage is represented by the polydemonistic tribal religions, which, among civilized nations, were soon developed into polytheism resting on traditional doctrine. Nomistic religions followed—that is to say, systems grounded on sacred books, and superseding polytheism by pantheism or monism. Out of these, again, sprang the universal religions—Buddhism, Christianity, and Muhammadanism—"which start from principles and maxims."

Leaving the reader to form his own opinion of this nimble generalization, we follow Prof. Tiele into his account of Animism. This is a belief in the existence of spirits, of which the powerful became objects of worship. When the spirits take up their abode in any material object, which thus becomes endowed with power, we have Fetishism. Animism is unorganized polydemonism. It does not exclude belief in a supreme spirit. It is accompanied by a belief in magic, which seeks to obtain power over the spirits by spells. Fear is the ruling power in all Animistic worship. The spirits and their worshippers are alike selfish.

<sup>1</sup> The very device on the cover is a philological joke, being the writer's signature Russianized, "Astragafski," with an initial *sl* for the benefit of the Asiatist, who would not otherwise have 'got round it.' It reminds one of that Bombay billiard-marker who, having to score for a gentle-

man named Satta, wrote 'I' on the slate, to represent "Likhâi Sâhet."

<sup>2</sup> The author of *De polydemonistiese en Zoroastriësche voorbeelden* in *Exkursen tot den godsdienst der Ouden* (Amsterdam, 1864).

Animism has little or no moral character. Its doctrine of a future state contains no idea of recompense—i.e. of punishment or reward.

Over a large extent both of Asia and Europe the Aryans, and perhaps the Semites, were preceded by Turanian races, whose religion was purely Animistic, and under the influence of a belief in magic. The religions of America exhibit Animism at various stages. Those of Mexico and Peru reached the extreme limit of Animism, and would probably have risen above it if the Spanish conquest had not checked their development.

This outline of Prof. Tiele's views regarding the lowest existing form of religion, out of which all the higher forms, according to him, have proceeded, must suffice for the present. We may simply mention that he touches on the religions of the Chinese, of the ancient Egyptians, of the Babylonians and Assyrians, of the Phœnicians, of the Israelites, Islam, Brahmanism, Pârsism, the systems of the Letto-Slavs, the Germans, the Greeks and the Romans.

Our author is always suggestive; but we are frequently startled by his cool dogmatism. Take one example:—"The Egyptian religion furnished to Roman Catholic Christendom the germs of the worship of the Virgin, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, and the type of its theocracy." Let us add, however, that this is one of the most unguarded assertions in the volume; it is not a case of *ex uno disco omnes*.

M.

LANGUAGE and the STUDY of LANGUAGE: Twelve lectures on the Principles of Linguistic Science. By William Wright Whitney, Professor of Sanskrit, &c., Yale College. And Edition, augmented by an Analysis. (London: Trübner & Co.)

It is not easy to bring a work which

"With extensive view

Surveys mankind from China to Peru"

within the exclusively Oriental scope of the *Indian Antiquary*, and Professor Whitney's lectures, though necessarily not exhaustive in detail, deal with the general features of speech and writing, so far as at present known to science. In such a work, however, it is impossible for the writer to avoid devoting some of his most important chapters to the languages of the East. Moreover, the Orientalist—proudly conscious that "in his father's house" the science of Comparative Philology was, if not born, at least weaned—may fairly claim not to be considered a meddler if he occasionally notices the progress of this now independent branch of knowledge. We cannot better support this claim than by quoting Professor Whitney's own words:—"Stripped of all exaggerations, and making all due allowances, the Sanskrit is still the mainstay of Indo-European philology; it gave

the science a rapid development which nothing else could have given; it imparted to its conclusions a fulness and certainty which would have been otherwise unattainable."

The closely printed table of contents of the volume under review occupies two pages and a half of small type.

It will easily be inferred that no abstract of it worth reading could be crowded into these pages; and we must therefore be content with noticing its most salient features. First of these, as might be expected from its place of birth, is an extreme independence of thought and expression. Professor Whitney is "*nullius in verba jurari*," and no amount of respect will induce him to give the least quarter to what he holds to be errors. For example, though most fully acknowledging the services of Bopp to his science, he does not hesitate to hold up that writer's studies upon the Malay-Polynesian and Caucasian languages as "a striking example and warning," and "an utter caricature of the comparative method" (p. 245, note); and his discussions with Professor Max Müller, while too well known to be repeated here, are really a higher compliment to the German scholar than the servile reverence with which he is sometimes treated in England.

If Professor Whitney had thought fit to take a classical motto, it would certainly have been "*Hypotheses non fingo*." For him the science which he prefers to call "linguistics" (he considers the term "comparative philology" already outworn) is still in its youth, if not infancy; and he denounces most strongly the practice of drawing hasty conclusions, and of inferring affinities from arguments often delusive in themselves, and still more frequently based upon a *petitio principii*. The theory of a common origin of the Semitic and Aryan (in his terminology—Indo-European) languages seems to him to have as yet no basis at all; nor does he less object to the term 'Turanian' and the signification usually attached to it—the former as too local and narrow, the latter as too wide, and including in one class languages and races whose affinities are not yet sufficiently proved, or even investigated.

Whether his specific conclusions be accepted or no, it is sufficiently obvious that this is the right frame of mind in which to approach the subject. In India, particularly, we have suffered extremely from the habit of talking as if the Aryan immigration was a thing as well understood as the English conquest; and the absurdity and mischief of such hasty generalization is not now for the first time reprobated in these pages. It is satisfactory, at least, to know that whatever assistance we may hereafter obtain from beyond the Atlantic



will be rendered by scholars trained to take nothing for granted.

In the meanwhile, the work under review may safely be recommended as a text-book fully equal to any that we possess, and especially suited to those students, sufficiently numerous in Anglo-Indian society, who are striving to make up in the leisure hours of manhood for time wasted by themselves or their teachers in youth. It is, though much larger, more simple than Mr. Peile's little hand-book of Philology, which lands the beginner rather too abruptly among such terrible words as 'agglutinative' and 'analytic,' and it is written in a style always clear, and sometimes, where the dignity of the subject requires it, rising to eloquence. Take, for example, the fine passage (p. 231) describing the rise to importance of the European races and tongues. It has, besides, not only a good index, but an exhaustive analytic table of contents, most useful to the student. At the end of the book, indeed, Professor Whitney seems to leave his safe ground, and to abandon for a moment, when contemplating the future, the reserve and caution which characterize him in dealing with the past.

He expresses (with many saving clauses, it is true) an idea that English may yet become "a world language," by which we presume that he means, if not the universal speech of civilized man, at least one as generally intelligible as Hindustani is in a great part of India. And, with a view to this glorious future, he thinks that we should seriously consider the phonetic reform of our orthography. If other proof were wanting of the baselessness of such a dream, it would be found in his own work. He states expressly that it is in the communion of literature, and of the cultivated classes, that the hope of preserving one common language to England and the United States must be based. Of those classes we could find no more competent representative than himself; yet so far has the disintegrating influence of altered circumstances and of separate national life gone, that the English reviewer cannot help remarking, here and there in his work, differences of expression, at which, indeed, we have no right to cavil, but which indicate that the thing which has been shall be, and that English must submit to the fate which has already overtaken Greek and Latin. The most striking instance is the use of the word 'doughfacedness' as an example. This may have been introduced half in jest, to recall the flagging

attention of the class. But its mere presence in this book is significant; and if we go further, to such a work as General Sherman's Autobiography, which may be taken as fairly representing the speech of educated Americans, we shall find similar new expressions in every page. It is to be hoped that when the American language does become a separate tongue its literature will contain many works as useful as Professor Whitney's.

EARLY RECORDS OF BRITISH INDIA; a History of the English Settlements in India, as told in the Government Records, &c. &c. By J. Tailboys Wheeler, late Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, &c. (5vo, pp. 491.) London: Trübner & Co. 1875.

Mr. Wheeler, he tells us in his preface, "was originally employed to report upon the records of the Home Department in Calcutta, and intended to confine his extracts to the papers preserved there. As, however, he proceeded with his task," he found that it was not enough for him; the papers of the earliest period had been destroyed by a storm in 1737, or in the sack of 1756. In Madras, however, he found a more perfect and valuable series of documents, and has already given the substance of them to the world in three volumes, under the title of "*Madras in the Olden Time*," of which the part of the present volume relating to the affairs of "the coast" appears to be a judicious condensation. With Bombay he does not appear to have any acquaintance, and contents himself with giving a few extracts from Mandelslo, Fryer, and Khafi Khān, the only authorities upon the early affairs of that Presidency of whose existence he appears to be aware.

Although, therefore, Mr. Wheeler speaks of his volume as compiled from original and half-forgotten sources, it is obvious that a good deal of it is already before the world in one form or another. Perhaps the most interesting extracts are those from the records of Bengal of the period following the battle of Plassey; the Company's negotiations with the Rājā of "Meckley" (Manipur); their refusal and subsequent acquisition of the Dacca, and their disputes with the second Nawāb of their own creation, Mir Kāsim, and the massacre at Pāṇā. Upon this last subject Mr. Wheeler quotes "the journal of a gentleman at Pāṇā" and "the journal of an English prisoner at Pāṇā," but very provokingly denies us the name of either diarist, and leaves us to guess even whether they are identical (the entries extracted are far different days). He also gives extracts from the diary of

\* The last named, faintly enough, is brought in under head "Madras under the Moghuls." Khāfi Khān was condemned by Mr. Wheeler, and without a hearing (in his *History of India*), as a "type of the flatterers who flattered during the Moghul period." Now that Mr. W. has read some portions of Khāfi Khān's invaluable history

in Prof. Hearn's version, he withholds his condemnation (p. 119, note, and *cont. Ind. Ant.* vol. VI. p. 341). If we compare his quotation p. 110 ad. inf. with the version he extracts from an Edition and *Translation of the History*, vol. V. 11. p. 353, we may form a fair idea of the freedom with which he treats his originals.

Dr. Fullarton, whom he calls "the sole survivor of the massacre," which is hardly correct, as the doctor was confined apart from the other prisoners, and was not even a witness of their fate. The 13th chapter is interesting for some quotations from the minutes of Mr. Verelst, which show the commencement of the science of internal administration in Bengal. Verelst, as Mr. Wheeler truly observes, was a man very much ahead of his time. He administered with considerable success the districts of Bardwān, Midnapūr, and Chittagong, which with Clive's *jéghir* form the earliest territory of that youngest Presidency which has since so much outgrown its elder sisters. His remarks upon points of principle can in few instances be contradicted even now; and if they appear to us to be verbose and full of platitudes it must be remembered that Verelst was laying the foundations of a system, and was forced to dilate upon what a modern writer may safely take for granted. Mr. Wheeler does not mention, but our readers will not be sorry to know, that Mr. Verelst, after holding the highest offices in days when the pagoda-tree daily quivered to its root under English hands, retired from the service a poor man, but acquired the fortune he well deserved along with the hand of an heiress.

After Verelst's papers no extract in the Bengal section of the work under review is so curious as one from a memorandum submitted, in 1746, by a Colonel James Mill to the Emperor Francis, consort of Maria Theresa, urging him to the conquest of the Lower Provinces. Colonel Mill, says Mr. Wheeler, had been twenty years in India; and his memoir is an appendix to "Bolt's Affairs in Bengal." We would like to know more of the man who, at so early a date, planned a conquest which was only forced upon the Company by stress of circumstances. "It is a miracle," he says, "that no European prince with a maritime power has ever attempted the conquest of Bengal. By a single stroke infinite wealth might be acquired, which would counter-balance the mines of Brazil and Peru. The policy of the Moghuls is bad; their army is worse; they are without a navy. The empire is exposed to perpetual revolts. Their ports and rivers are open to foreigners. The country might be conquered or laid under contribution as easily as the Spaniards overwhelmed the naked Indians of America. A rebel subject, named Aliverdi Khān, has torn away the three provinces of Bengal, Behar, and Orissa from the Moghul empire. He has treasure to the value of thirty millions sterling. His yearly revenue must be at least two millions. The provinces are open to the sea. Three ships

with 1500 or 2000 regulars would suffice for the undertaking. The British nation would coöperate for the sake of the plunder and the promotion of their trade. The East India Company should be left alone. No company can keep a secret. Moreover, the English company is so distracted as to be incapable of any firm resolution."

Reading these spirited sentences, and admiring the grasp of his subject displayed by the writer, we cannot enough regret that Mr. Wheeler vouchsafes so little information about him, and wonder whether he had no share in the realization, by his own nation, of his splendid dream. Or is it possible that our author has been deceived by a fabrication of some pamphleteer writing after the event?

The extracts relating to Madras have apparently, as already mentioned, appeared in a former work of Mr. Wheeler's, which is probably in the hands of those interested in the subject. The most interesting are those relating to the internal government and social life of the settlement: in particular the will of a young writer named Davers, dated 1720, and a letter to the Court of Directors dated 14th October 1712, respecting the trade in English woollen cloths.

So far Mr. Wheeler's extracts—by far the most important part of the work. The connecting text is by no means so valuable. It contains little new information, and is written in a jerky, slipshod style, painful to read, and often puzzling to make out the meaning of. To take, as an example, the first sentence in the book,—*"The three English Presidencies of Madras, Calcutta, and Bombay were founded in the 17th century, during the reigns of Charles the First, Oliver Cromwell, and Charles the Second."* Now, any one reading this and new to the subject would suppose that a Presidency of Madras was first established during the reign of the first-mentioned monarch, one of Calcutta under the Commonwealth, and one at Bombay under the "Merry Monarch," Bombay being consequently the junior Presidency. But Mr. Wheeler must know that there was no such thing as a Presidency of Bombay until 1687, when that of Surat, the oldest permanent establishment of the English nation in India (founded in 1612), was transferred to the island acquired by the English crown as part of the dowry of Katharine of Braganza, and subsequently granted to the Company, to be held "as of the Manor of East Greenwich," for a yearly rent of ten pounds in gold. Our author's references to authorities, too, are amazingly scanty, and his index illusory—as a help, at least, to the systematic reader.



## SANTAL IDEAS OF THE FUTURE.

BY REV. F. T. COLE, TALJHARI.

SOME Santals believe that after death they at once enter another world, while others imagine that the spirit hovers about near the place where it left the body. Others, again, fancy that the spirit is born anew in another person. In proof of this they tell the following story :—

Once a lad of five years old was presented with a bracelet by his mother. While out one day shepherding, he took off this bracelet and hid it in the hollow of a tree. Soon after he got home he fell ill, and died without mentioning what he had done. His spirit entered a woman in the same village, and in the course of a year he was born again. When he attained the age of five, he recollected that during a former sojourn in the world he had hidden a bracelet. He mentioned the fact to his mother, and begged her to accompany him to a certain spot. At first she refused, saying it was all nonsense, and that she had never given him a bracelet. However, afterwards, upon his repeated entreaties, she consented to go with him; and, sure enough, upon arriving there, the boy at once found the bracelet where he had deposited it. His former mother, happening to see it, claimed it as having belonged to her dead son, but the boy declared it was his own, and so it was concluded that the boy had been born a second time.

The Santals also believe that our spirits very frequently change their abode, entering at will into the bodies of men or of animals. A favourite resort of the departed spirit is in the body of the large red lizard. Cows and buffaloes, dogs and pigs also become abodes of the spirits. Very quarrelsome people are said to be possessed with the spirit of a dog. It is supposed by some that the spirit of a man leaves the body in the form of a lizard. In proof of this the following story is told :—

One day a man fell asleep, and becoming very thirsty his spirit left the body in the form of a lizard to obtain water from a pitcher close by. It so happened that just as the lizard entered the pitcher the owner of the water covered it, not knowing what had happened: consequently the spirit could not return to the man's body, and he died. While his sorrowing friends and

relations were making preparations for burning the corpse, some one uncovered the pitcher to get water. The lizard immediately escaped, and returned to his abode in the body of the dead man. At once the man arose, to the great astonishment of the by-standers, and asked them why they were weeping. They answered that they thought he was dead, and were preparing to burn his body. The man told them that he had been down a well to get some water to drink, but had found it difficult to get out again, and that he had just returned. The truth now dawned upon their minds that the well was the pitcher of water, and that, on account of its having been covered, the man had not been able to escape, but that as soon as he did escape he recovered.

The people say that if they push wood into a fire with the feet they will have to suffer the penalty of having their feet burned in the next world. And if they see a piece of grass or straw on a man's head they immediately remove it, or they will have to carry large bundles of grass on their heads hereafter.

In the next world there will be nothing but hard work, their principal occupation being to grind dead men's bones day and night in a mortar, using the stalk of the castor-oil plant as a pestle. They will have but one chance of getting a little rest—that is, two men, if they can chew tobacco, can sometimes beg for a few minutes' respite under the excuse of preparing their tobacco. When the taskmaster calls them to return to their work, they say, "Wait a moment, Sir, I have not quite finished preparing my tobacco." Then they make pretence of rubbing it to a powder in the palm of the hand (mixing a pinch of lime with it, to give it pungency) as vigorously as possible, but as soon as the taskmaster turns his back they will again prepare it very slowly. In this way they manage to prolong their rest. But woe to those who cannot chew tobacco or smoke the *lulu*! For this reason every Santal makes a point of learning the practice in this world. Women who have children can also obtain a little rest, under the plea of feeding them. When told to return to work, they say, "Oh! wait a few minutes longer, Sir, my child is very hungry," while really the child is but nestling in her bosom.

But sad is the lot of poor women who have no family! When a man's *ser* (two lb. weight) is completed—that is, when his allotted time on earth is past—the king of death sends his messengers to convey him to his presence. He employs certain beetles as his spies. The beetle plucks out a hair from the head of his victim, and if it is not white with age he will wet it and roll it in white ashes, and then, showing it to the king, will say, “The owner of this hair is a very old man. Your Highness, is it not time you sent your messengers to fetch him?” The king, not wishing perhaps to call such a one just yet, takes the hair, washes it, and says, “Take the hair back to the owner; he may remain a little longer, his *ser* is not yet completed.”

When a *Sântâl* dies, all his possessions are placed by his bed, and some rupees too, if any are in the house, as it is supposed he will have to buy everything in the next world; and as he will have to provide himself with all kinds of necessities he must take his weapons also with him, so his bow and arrows are carefully laid by his side.

If any one should enter the next world in a human form the inhabitants of that land would devour him. A child was in great trouble, they say, at losing his mother. Every day he visited the place where her body had been burnt. The Sun (the Supreme Being of the *Sântâls*), seeing the boy's grief, asked him whether he would like to see his mother again. So he took him up, telling him not to speak or to show himself, or he would be devoured. He placed him in a hole, which he covered up so that the boy could see without being seen. Presently his mother passed by and began to sniff, saying to her companion, “I smell a man, where is he?” The Sun said to her, “You must be mistaken, how can there possibly be a man here?” The woman having left the place, the Sun asked the boy if he had seen his mother, to which he replied, “Yes, please take me away, I have seen quite enough.” From that day he never again longed for his mother.

The *Sântâls* are mortally afraid of a certain

class of women, believing that after death they are always on the watch for men. They are supposed to lick their victims to death, fling off the flesh with their rough tongues. When any of these women die, the survivors stick thorns into the soles of their feet, thus rendering them lame and powerless to pursue their victims, as they suppose. All whose bodies are properly burnt and whose bones have been thrown into the river *Damudâ* (the *Sântâl* sacred river) become good spirits, the others become demons. The funeral pyre, which is always placed near water, consists of a large heap of wood, upon which the body is placed; then the eldest son, or the nearest relative, sets fire to the wood, having first placed the torch near the dead man's mouth. If the hand or the foot move during the burning, it is a sure sign that others of the family will soon be called away. To propitiate the king of death, frogs are thrown on to the burning pile, and sometimes small images of clay in the shape of a man are placed beside the corpse. If the body is not consumed quickly, it is pierced with a spear or chopped in pieces with an axe. It is said that misers burn very slowly, but that generous men are quickly consumed. So, to avoid such a disgrace, the body of a rich man is smeared over with *ghî* and oil, to expedite its combustion. After the body is consumed, search is made for the collar-bones. These are washed in turmeric water and deposited in a new earthen jar, and then taken to the *Damudâ*. When the ceremony of throwing the bones into the river is completed, all the relations assemble at the village of the deceased to offer sacrifices to his memory. Goats and sheep are killed, and a feast is prepared. Several questions are asked of the departed spirit, such as “Are you angry with any of us? If so, please forget it. Did any one injure you in your lifetime? if so, accept these sacrifices and forgive the offender.” Then the sacrificer addresses the other spirits in these terms: “We consign the departed to your care, make him one of yourselves. We have now done our part, let us go in peace.”

#### THE LATE F. W. ELLIS'S ESSAYS ON SOUTH-INDIAN LANGUAGES.

To the Editor of the *Indian Antiquary*.

SIR,—In the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. IV. p. 219, you reprinted a letter I communicated to the *Athenæum* on the Tamil MSS. in the India Office

Library, in which, among a few remarks introduced incidentally regarding that eminent Orientalist, the late F. W. Ellis, of the Madras Civil Service, I stated that he had written essays on the Tamil



Malayālam, Telugu, and probably the Canarese languages, of which the third only—that on Telugu—had been preserved, having been printed by Mr. A. D. Campbell in his *Telugu Grammar*, about 1816, with the author's permission.

I have lately discovered the proof-sheets of the second and third of the above treatises, among some papers brought from Madras, which fell into my hands when examining the books of the College of Fort St. George. Mr. Ellis was the first Principal of the Board of Superintendence of that institution, and printed such papers as he published before his death at the college press. It was among a heap of corrected proofs and manuscript that I discovered these papers when I was a member of the Board.

The essay on the Malayālam language seems well worthy of preservation, and I beg therefore to offer it to you for publication in the *Antiquary*. The *Telugu Grammar* is so rarely met with that it is worthy of consideration whether the third essay may not be reprinted also. I therefore submit it likewise for your opinion.

I made many inquiries for the Tamil treatise which doubtless was the first of the series, but I could obtain no tidings of it. Among the *fragmenta disiecta*, however, I found two MS. books filled with rough copy of a *Treatise on Tamil Prosody* by Mr. Ellis, and abounding in extracts from the Southern poets, which were probably connected with the missing essay. These I showed to the late Rev. T. Brotherton, a distinguished Tamil scholar, who stated that he "thought they would be very useful if published. . . . We have no separate English work," he added, "on Tamil prosody, that I am aware of."

The difficulty will be to find a competent editor. The MS. occupies upwards of 100 pages of foolscap in the rough, and is apparently unfinished.\*

In addition to the enumeration of Mr. Ellis's writings given at pp. 220-21 of vol. IV., I should specify his paper, "On the discovery of a modern imitation of the Vedas," in the *Asiatic Researches*, vol. XIV. pp. 18.

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# DISSERTATION ON THE MALAYĀLMA LANGUAGE.

BY THE LATE F. W. ELLIS.

The country of Malayālam, lying on the west coast of the Indian peninsula, is, according to the *Kēraḷdēpattī*, divided into four *Khaṇḍam* or provinces. The most northern, commencing at Gōkarnam and extending southward to Perumbula, near Mangalore, is called *Taḷa-rājya*m,

'the kingdom of Tala': from Perumbula to Pudukattanam, near Nūḍavarnam, the country is called *Kāpa-rājya*m; thence to Kannūrī, near Kollam (Quilon), lies *Kēraḷa-rājya*m; and thence to Kanyākūmārī (Cape Comorin) *Mūshika-rājya*m. The Malayāla, or more properly the Malayāḷma, is at present the language of the two last provinces. It is spoken likewise in *Kāpam*, but in this province and in Tala, which constitute the district on which, in recent times, the name of Kanara has been imposed, the Tala, a distinct dialect, though of the same derivation as the Malayāḷma, prevails among the aborigines, and a variety of tongues among the Haiga, Konkara, Kannaḷa, Telugu, and other tribes who have long colonized the country. There is a certain variation in dialect between the language of Kēraḷam and Mūshikam, and, indeed, in the several *adja*s into which they are divided, but none of sufficient importance to require particular notice: in the latter province affairs of state are conducted in the Tamil language, which is there, consequently, much more prevalent than in the former.

The Malayāḷma is, like the Kōḍun-Tamiḷ, an immediate dialect of the Śān-Tamiḷ: it differs from the parent language generally in the same manner as the Kōḍun; it differs from the Kōḍun in pronunciation and idiom, but more especially in retaining terms and forms of the Śān-Tamiḷ which in the former are obsolete. But its most material variation from its cognate dialects is that, though deriving from a language superfluously abounding in verbal forms, its verbs are entirely devoid of personal terminations, the person being always indicated by the pronoun. It is this peculiarity which chiefly constitutes the Malayāḷma a distinct tongue, and distinguishes it in a peculiar manner from all other dialects of Tamil origination. (See Note A, p. 287.)

The Malayāḷma is written in three different characters, namely the Āryam, the Kōḷēḷuttu, and the Vāṭṭēḷuttu, or, as it is called in the more southern districts, Malayāla Tamil. The Āryam, a variation of the Grantha, has the same number of letters as the Nāgarī, and is derived intermediately from the Tamil alphabet: in this character all books, whether Sanskrit or Malayāḷma, are written, correspondence conducted, and business transacted. It is considerably varied in the form and mode of writing, in different parts of the country: to the south of Calicut it is written square and distinct, and then, with the exception of a few characters, approaches nearer to the Grantha; as written to the north of Calicut, however, its variation from its primitive

\* I shall be happy to place these papers at the disposal of any Tamil scholar who will undertake to edit and publish them within a given time.



form is very considerable; the angles are rounded, and the vowel signs and compound consonants more irregularly connected, so that a person acquainted with Grantham, and consequently able to read the square Āryam character, can scarcely decipher the round hand. As the Grantham was originally formed for writing the Sanskrit only, all letters purely Tamil, and consequently not found in the Nāgarī, were rejected, but these have been necessarily restored in the Āryam, and retain nearly their proper Tamil form: these letters are *R*, *L*, and *N* only used as a final, or in connection with *r*. Separate forms, which do not exist in the Grantham, have also been devised for the finals *R*, *L*, and *L*, on account of their frequent occurrence.<sup>1</sup>

The Kōlōluttu is, as its name imports, the writing of the palace, *kōlu* in Tamil being equivalent to the Hindustānī term *dārbar*; in this character all grants, patents, decrees, and, in general, all papers that can be considered records of Government are drawn up. While Kēraḷam was independent these papers were in the Malayāḷma; but in M ā s h i k a m, the country at present under the dominion of the Travankor Government, Tamil is, and always has been, used for this purpose. The Vattōluttu, the clipped or abbreviated letter, is the writing of the forum; conveyances, bonds, legal instruments, and, generally, all transactions between man and man, necessary to be recorded, are written in this character. The two characters have each the same number of letters as the Tamil alphabet; the forms of the letters are nearly the same in both, and are either variations, all angles being rounded, or, as the name of the latter imports, abbreviations of the Tamil,

but they differ from each other and from the Tamil very materially in the mode of joining the signs of the vowels to the consonants, and in the manner of writing.<sup>2</sup> (Note B, p. 287.)

To exhibit with precision the difference between the Malayāḷma and the Śōn and Kōḷun Tamil, I shall make the following comparisons:—*Of terms derived in the two modern dialects from the pure or ancient Tamil*; *Of words derived from the Sanskrit*; *Of the declension of the noun*; *Of the conjugation of the verb*; *Of idiom*. This arrangement will comprehend every variation, whether in the pronunciation or forms of words, in the idiom, or in the use of terms by those which are obsolete in one dialect being retained in the other.

*Comparison of terms in the two dialects derived from pure Tamil.*

Like the other dialects of Southern India, the terms of the Malayāḷma might be arranged under the three principal classes of *Tatsamam*, pure Sanskrit terms, *Tadbhavam*, Sanskrit derivatives, and *Dēśyam*, native terms, and the latter might be again subdivided into *Tamiḷ Tatsamam*, pure Tamil, and *Tamiḷ Tadbhavam*, Tamil derivatives. In the *Dissertation on the Telugu*, the *Tadbhavam* terms of that language are distributed into classes, according as they are derived direct or through the medium of the several Prakṛits; of the latter there are few, if any, in Malayāḷma, and the former do not abound. Those which occur may be more properly referred to the Tamil than the Malayāḷma; thus *śiṃhāḷ*, the sign Leo, becomes in Tamil, by the necessary substitution of *g* for *h*,—the latter not being found in the language,—*siṅgam*, and in Malayāḷma *siṅgam* and *chiṅgam*; thus, also, *eyiṣṭa*—

<sup>1</sup> The Tamil character, though perfectly competent to the expression of the language to which it belongs, is incapable of representing with precision the sounds and combinations of sound of the Sanskrit. To remedy this defect, the Brāhmins, on their establishment in Southern India, had but two methods at their option—to introduce the Nāgarī, if it then existed, or to invent a new character. They preferred the latter. (An error.) They analyzed the Tamil characters, and supplied the symbols wanting by recombining the lines and curves of which they were formed. The alphabet thus constructed they called Grantham, which, derived from *grāṭh*, 'close-about,' among other significations means 'a collection of words, a writing,' and is synonymous also with the term *sāstram*, 'a science,' or 'a treatise on any science.' The Sanskrit language is by Tamil writers, whether Brāhmins or Śūdras, always called *vada mātṛ*, 'the northern speech,' but it is universally known by its appropriate epithet Sanskrit and (Hrvāṣṭ); if, however, a Tamil Brāhmin is asked, in what language a Sanskrit book is written, his answer will invariably be 'in the Grantham,' alluding to the character, and conceiving that the inevitable deduction must be that the language is Sanskrit. Hence the mistake of Europeans who speak of the Grantham language and the *Grandonico lingua*, and among others of Ziegenbalg, who in general is accurate, when he says in a letter to La Croix, "Brammhanum lingue proprium nomen est Grantham, neque a Brammhanibus ipais unquam aliter vocatur." In the dissertation prefixed to his Sanskrit grammar, entitled *Siddhārṇavam*, p. 7, Paulinus à St. Bartholomæo says, "Ultimum denique alphabetum est Samscradamicum-Malabaricum nostrum anno 1773 Romæ typis

St. Congregationis impressum. Hoc obtinet in Regio Canara, Carnate, Concam, Maypoor, Madure, Tanjaur, in tota ora Malabarica et Coromandelica, et hoc soli lingue sacre Samscradamicum proprium ibidem est, ac in libris Brahminicis reperitur." This Paulinus asserts of the Āryam character of Malayāḷam, which obtains only in Kanara and Malabar; he evidently confounds it with the Grantham, from which it is indeed derived, but from which it materially differs. From the Grantham may also be deduced the Singalese and Burma alphabets; while the origin of the Kōlōluttu, Vattōluttu, and the characters of Java and Sumatra, all nearly connected, is referable immediately to the Tamil.

<sup>2</sup> I am not aware that any European writer has ever given the Kōlōluttu or Vattōluttu alphabets: Anquetil Duperron notices them both, but with so little intelligence that, though he gives a copy of the ancient plates containing the privileges granted to the Jews, which is written in the Vattōluttu, he does not recognize the character, and affirms that he could procure no person capable of deciphering it. That Duperron might know the names of these alphabets, without being at all acquainted with the characters themselves, is very probable, but it is somewhat surprising that he should have found any difficulty in procuring the explanation of a document written in a character so generally known. A transcript of a letter in the Vattōluttu taken from the preface to Van Rheede's *Hortus Malabaricus* is engraved in the *Alphabetum Grandonico-Malabaricum*, where it is ridiculously called 'infantum scribendi genus,' because not applicable to writing the Sanskrit, but no explanation of the character is given. Vide p. 12. [See Ind. Ant. vol. I. p. 223.]



śāś, by the usual Tamil substitutions of *i* for *ri* and *ḍ* for *ś*, becomes *śāśam*, and in Malayāḷma *śāśam*. In these instances, however, and in most others of a similar nature, the proper *Talsamam* term may be optionally used for the derivative. (Note C, p. 287.)

The changes by which the *Deśyas* terms of the Malayāḷma are distinguished from those of pure Tamil, though they are mostly such as indicate a lapse from primitive forms, yet, being regular in their occurrence, may be regarded as dialectic differences rather than corruptions. The principal of these changes are as follows:—

The *a* of the pure Tamil in nouns is always converted to *u* (3), though this vowel never occurs as the final of any noun, either in Śēn or Kōḍun Tamil; the *ya* substituted, however, is subject to the rules which govern the *a* in the parent language, and is liable to elision, consequently, before all vowels: *a* and *ḍ* in the nominative, and *e* in the oblique cases, is substituted for the final *ei*; *śā* and *a*, as the mute of the second series is pronounced in pure Tamil, in Malayāḷma becomes *ch*; when the nasal of the third series is followed by the mute of the same series, the compound thence arising, *ṇḍa*, is changed into *ṇṇa* if preceded by a short vowel, and *ṇṇa* if by a long one; so likewise the similar compound *ṇḍa* becomes *ṇṇa* and *ṇṇa*; the double mute of the fourth *ṇ* is often converted to *che*; the compound formed by the consonant and nasal of this series, *ṇḍa*, sometimes becomes *ṇṇa*, sometimes *ṇṇa*, and for the latter the double nasal *ṇṇa* is frequently substituted, as is the double nasal of the first *ṇṇa* for the compound *ṇṇa*; *ḷa* sometimes becomes *ḷa*.<sup>a</sup>

These observations are exemplified by the following terms:—

Pure Tamil.	Kōḍun Tamil.	Ma. Tamil.	English.
Vil	Villu	Villu	a bow.
Malei	Malei	Mala	a hill.
Kaḷutei	Kaḷutei	Kaḷuta	the neck.
Oḷḍu	Oḷḷu	Oḷḷu	one.
Irāṇḍu	Rāṇḍu	Rāṇḍu	two.
Māḍu	Māṇu	Māṇu	three.
Attan	—	Achchan	father.
Maṇḍa	Maṇḍa	Maṇṇa	forgotten.
Irāṇḍu	Irāṇḍu	Irāṇṇu	being.
Aiṇḍu	Aiṇḍu	Aiṇṇu	free.
Kareṇḍa	Kareṇḍa	Kareṇṇa	dissolved.
Nāṇ-gaḷ	Nāṇ-gaḷ	Nāṇ-gaḷ	we.
Pogaḷ	Pogaḷ	Pogaḷ	praise.
Kāḷkudal	Kāḷkudal	Kāḷkudal	to hear.

<sup>a</sup> Notwithstanding the Malayāḷma alphabet has, like the Nāgarī, five mutes in the five first series, the aspirates are never used except in Sanskrit words, and the third in each — *ṇ*, *ḷ*, &c.—but seldom; the first mute in each series, therefore, as in Śēn and Kōḍun Tamil, has two sounds,

NOTE.—The peculiar letter *ḷ* [or *śā*] is generally pronounced in the districts to the south of the Coleroon *l*; this conversion in Malayāḷma is very arbitrary: for example, they say *ḷḷ*, 'below,' but, in a compound form, *ḷḷ* *ḷḷ*, 'in the last year.' The occurrence of this letter is generally the cause of some variation in all the Tamil dialects, an idea of which may be given by a single etymology: *pōḷḷu* [pron. *pōḷḷu*] in pure Tamil signifies 'time,' and the prefixing to this term of the demonstrative particles *i*, 'this,' *a*, 'that,' and *e*, 'what,' forms the temporal adverbs *ippōḷḷu*, 'now,' *appōḷḷu*, 'then,' and *ēppōḷḷu*, 'when,' according to the Southern pronunciation *ippōḷḷu*, &c.; in Kōḍun Tamil these words become respectively *ippō*, *appō*, and *ēppō*, and in the Malayāḷma *ippōḷ*, *appōḷ*, and *ēppōḷ*.

Comparison of terms in the three dialects derived from the Sanskrit.

The Malayāḷma being written in a character accommodated to the expression of the Sanskrit, the sounds of *talsamam* terms are more accurately represented by it than they can be by the Tamil alphabet. In the mouth of Brāhmins of either tongue the pronunciation of words of Sanskrit origin is equally correct; but, as the written must always influence the spoken language, the Śāstras of Malayāḷam pronounce these with greater propriety than those of the Tamil countries, as the following terms will show:—

Pure Tamil.	Kōḍun Tamil.	Ma. Tamil.	English.
Samodiram	Samudiram	Samudram	the sea.
Virukkam	Virusam	Vriksham	a tree.
Mirugam	Mirugam	Mrigam	a deer.
Āgāyam	Āgāsam	Ākāśam	the ether.
Siṅgam	Siṅgam	Simham	a lion.
Irāṇḍiyam	Rāṇḍiyam	Rājyam	a kingdom.
Manudan	Manushan	Manushan	a man.
Pavi	Bāmi	Bhūmi	the earth.
Siṭṭidal	Śiṣṭikkiradu	Śiṣṭikkunnā	to create.

#### Of the Declension of the Noun.

In comparing the declension of the noun, I shall observe the grammatical arrangement of the Śēn Tamil: both this and the Kōḍun Tamil have a variety of forms to the several cases, from which I shall select such as serve to show their connection with the Malayāḷma. There are some peculiarities in the declension of nouns in the high language, which it will be necessary to explain to account for this variety, and to show in what the modern dialects differ in this part of grammar from their

being pronounced without the laryngeal compression when initial, and with it when medial and final.

The Tamil *l* is generally but not uniformly represented by Mr. Ellis as *śā*, but as *ḷ* in its usual representation; that symbol is substituted throughout the paper.—Ed.

parent. The Sēn Tamiḷ has two primary forms, the nominative and the oblique, the latter derived from the former variously according to the termination: the oblique form has its appropriate grammatical uses in the superior dialect, but in Kōḍun Tamiḷ it serves only as a genitive; in both, however, the terminations of the cases are added either to the nominative or oblique form, in the former at pleasure, in the latter under certain restrictions. The term I have selected for the following comparison has its nominative form *Vīl*, its oblique form *Villin*, and the variations of the fifth or genitive case in Sēn Tamiḷ are—1st *Villadu*, 2nd *Villāda*, 3rd *Villanadu*, 4th *Villindā*, before words

in the singular number; 1st *Villa*, 2nd *Villina*, before the plural number. The variations in Kōḍun Tamiḷ are—1st *Villā*, 2nd *Villādaya*, 3rd *Villādaya*, without discrimination before singular and plural. The Malayāḷma takes its genitive from the third form of the Sēn Tamiḷ, expunging the penult *a*, converting the final *a*, as usual, to *y*, and, according to the rules of Tamiḷ etymology, substituting *r* with the sound of *ḍ* for that letter after a final *a*; *villipada* thus becomes *villirḍ*, pronounced *villirḍḍ*. The variations of the other cases from their prototype, where they exist, might be similarly traced, but they are too minute to render this necessary.

	Sēn Tamiḷ.	Kōḍun Tamiḷ.	Ma. Tamiḷ.	English.
N. S.	Vīl. Pl. Villugaḷ	Villu-Villugaḷ	Villu-Villukaḷ	a bow, bows.
A.	Villaneḷ - gaḷei	Villōi - gaḷei	Villina - kaḷe	a bow.
1.Ab.	Villināḷ - gaḷāḷ	Villāḷ - gaḷāḷ	Villināḷ - kaḷāḷ	by a bow.
	Villinōḍu - gaḷōḍu	Villōḍu - gaḷōḍu	Villinōḍu - kaḷōḍu	with a bow.
D.	Villukka - gaṭku	Villukka - gaṭukku	Villina - kaḷukka	to a bow.
2.Ab.	Villil - gaḷil	wanting	wanting	from a bow.
G.	Villinadu - gaḷadu	Villin - gaḷadeiya	Villinḍa - kaḷude	in a bow.
3.Ab.	Villakkan - gaṭkan	Villil - gaḷil	Villil - kaḷil	of a bow.

The *ḷ*, though written, has in pronunciation, as is usually the case in Malayāḷma, the sound of *g*.

The fifth case or second ablative of the Sēn Tamiḷ is supplied in the Kōḍun and Malayāḷma by particles: the more general use of this case in the high language is to indicate motion from a place, and to compare the qualities of things, for which in English the prepositions *from* and *than* are employed, and in the latter sense the causal form is occasionally used in both dialects, though it is more generally expressed by the verbal form *kdḍiḷma*, meaning 'though shown,' preceded by an ac-

cusative; as, Kōḍun, *Idai kdḍiḷma adu nalluḍu*; Malayāḷma, *Ida kdḍiḷma ada nalla*, literally, 'though this be shown that is good.' The first meaning of this case is expressed in Kōḍun and Malayāḷma Tamiḷ respectively by the gerunds *siḍu-ninna*, 'standing,' after the seventh case.

The pronouns in each dialect are declined nearly as the nouns: the Sēn Tamiḷ, as in the nouns, has one or more oblique forms to which the causal terminations are added. The following comparison will show the variations of the three dialects:—

	Sēn Tamiḷ.		Kōḍun Tamiḷ.		Malayāḷma.		
	Sing.	Plu.	Sing.	Plu.	Sing.	Plu.	
Nom.	Nān, Nām	Nān-gaḷ	Nān, Nām	Nān-gaḷ	Nān, Nām	Nānnaḷ	I, we.
Obl. form	Ēn, Ēm	Nam	Ēn-Nam.				
Ac.	Ēnnei, Ēmmei	Nammei	Ēnnei-	Ēng-gaḷe	Ēnne Namme	Nānnaḷe	me, we.
Nom.	Ni, Nir	Niḷ-gaḷ	Niy - Nir	Niḷ-gaḷ	Ni . . .	Ninnaḷ	thou, ye.
Obl.	Un, Nin . .	Um	Un - Um.				
Ac.	Unnei Ninnei .	Ummei	Unnei-Ummei	Un-gaḷei	Ninne Niye-	Ninnaḷe	thee, you.
Nom.	Tān, Tām	Tān-gaḷ	Tān, Tām	Tān-gaḷ	Tān,	Tānnaḷ	he, they.
Obl.	Tan, Tam		Tan, Tam.				
Ac.	Tannei, Tammei		Tannei, Tammei	Tān-gaḷei	Tanne . .	Tānnaḷe	him, them.

*Tān*, which in High Tamiḷ is equivalent to the Latin *ipse* or the English 'himself,' is so used also in Kōḍun Tamiḷ; but more generally in that dialect the plural number of this pronoun, and both the singular and plural in Malayāḷma,<sup>2</sup> usurps the

place of the second person singular in addressing those to whom the speaker owes respect or reverence. The demonstratives *M. aṇa*, *F. aṇaḷ*, *N. adu*, 'that man,' 'that woman,' 'that thing;' *iṇa*, *iṇaḷ*, *idu*, 'this man,' &c.; *iṇaḷ*, *iṇaḷ*, *idu*, 'which men,' &c.;

<sup>2</sup> The Latin and Sēn Tamiḷ reject with the sternest rigidity the discrimination of persons by adulatory phrases; in all the modern dialects of these languages such phrases

abound. It is curious to trace a like aberration of the human mind, through correspondent periods, in countries so distant.



and the general interrogative *dr*, 'who? which?' with the usual changes, are common to the three dialects. The demonstrative letters *a*, 'that,' *i*, 'this,' *e*, 'what? which?' when they precede a consonant, are sometimes, as in Tamil, short and double the following consonant, and sometimes long: when they precede a vowel they are always long, as in Telugu, and require the letter *y* to be inserted before the vowel.

#### Comparative Conjugation of Verbs.

The several forms of the verb in pure Tamil are derived from the crude root by a method extremely artificial, and, as respects the permutation of letters, refined to the last degree of nicety; this artifice and this minuteness pervade and govern the variation of the verb in the Kōḍun and Malayāḷma dialects, though the rules which direct them, and the reason on which they proceed, can be learned only from the grammarians of the Śēn Tamil. Hence the only distinctions in the verbal systems of the three dialects are, as in the noun, that the Kōḍun Tamil selects one from the many personal terminations, and that the Malayāḷma rejects them altogether. The pure Tamil has three indefinite tenses for the three times formed from the root; the definite tenses and, to use an expression of European grammar, the moods of the verb, except the imperative, infinitive, and subjunctive, are supplied by auxiliaries; the third person of each tense is declined through the three genders; each tense has an indeclinable participle, which becomes declinable by affixing the first demonstrative pronoun in the three genders; and a gerund of most extensive use serves for all times, and for every person, until the suspended sense is closed at the close of the sentence by the conjugated verb in its proper form: this is the idiom of the verb in every dialect of the Tamil. The Malayāḷma from this extensive scheme selects for its present and future the third persons neuter

of those tenses; the former with slight change, the latter without alteration; and the gerund, with or without alteration, for its past. The gerund is either the same as the past tense, or another form is borrowed from the many it assumes in the parent language; the present and past participles are retained, the future being supplied, as is frequently the case in Kōḍun Tamil, by a compound.

In Tamil there are three classes or conjugations of verbs, principally distinguished by the variation of the gerund and past tense. The rules for each, as far as connected with the formation of the Malayāḷma, I shall explain. In the first class the gerund is formed simply by the duplication of the consonant of the final syllable, which is always either *ga*, *ḍa*, or *ṇa* preceded by a short syllable; this is the root, which serves for the imperative; in the present tense it is followed by a single *g*, and the third person future neuter is formed from it by the addition of *am*, the preceding *a* being lost. In the second class the gerund is formed by the elision of the *a*, with which the root invariably ends, and the substitution of *i*; the present and future forms are the same as in the former class, unless the imperative ends in double *i*, in which case it is double also in the present. The third class requires *ḍa* to be added to the root to form the gerund, but it is duplicated, or changed to *ada*, *ṇḍa* or *ḍḍa* (*aru*), under the general rules for permutation, according to the letter in which the root ends: when the *d* is duplicated in the gerund, or when the root has a final *a*, the present requires a double *i*, and the third person future is formed by adding *ḥma* to the root; in all other cases the characteristic letter of the present is a single *g*, and the future is formed by *am*.

The application of these rules to the two dialects of the Tamil and the Malayāḷma is exemplified and explained in the following synopsis:—

#### Derivation of the Malayāḷma Present.

		Śēn Tamil.	Kōḍun Tamil.	Malayāḷma.	
Common Roots.	Person Nēter, Present Tense.	First Class.		Person Nēter, Present Tense.	I, thou, she, it, they, we, enter, suffer, obtain, &c.
		Puḡu, enter	Puḡuḡiṇṇadu—Pūḡadu	Pūḡunnu	
		Paḍu, suffer	Paḍuḡiṇṇadu—Paḍuḍu	Paḍunnu	
	Second Class.	Pōḡu, obtain	Pōḡuḡiṇṇadu—Pōḡuḍu	Pōḡunnu	
		Kaṭtu, tie	Kaṭṭuḡiṇṇadu—Kaṭṭuḍu	Kaṭṭukunnu	
		Nikka, remove	Nikkaḡiṇṇadu—Nikkaḍu	Nikkaunnu	
	Third Class.	Śēy, do	Śēyḡiṇṇadu—Śēyudu	Chēyḡunnu	
		Kōḍu, give	Kōḍukkiṇṇadu—Kōḍukkudu	Kōḍukkunnu	
		Kaḍi, bite	Kaḍikkiṇṇadu—Kaḍikkudu	Kaḍikkunnu	
	Fourth Class.	Aṇi, know	Aṇiḡiṇṇadu—Aṇiyudu	Aṇiyunnu	
		Kōḷ, take	Kōḷḡiṇṇadu—Kōḷḷadu	Kōḷḷunnu	
		Niḷ, stand	Niḷḡiṇṇadu—Niḷkudu	Niḷkunnu	

Derivation of the Past.				
Sēn and Kōḍun Tamil.		Malayāḷma.		
Gerund.	First Class.			Past Tense.
	Entering	Pukka	Pukka	
	Suffering	Paṭṭu	Paṭṭu	
	Obtaining	Pōṭṭu	Pōṭṭu	
	Second Class.			
	Tying	Kaṭṭi	Kaṭṭi	
	Removing	Nikki	Nikki	
	Third Class.			
	Doing	Sēydu	Chēydu	
	Giving	Kōḍuttu	Kōḍuttu	
	Biting	Kaḍittu and in K.T. Kaḍiāṣu	Kaḍiccu	
	Knowing	Aḡindu	Aḡiṭṭiya	
Taking	Kōṇḷu	Kōṇḷu		
Standing	Ninḍu	Ninnu		
Derivation of the Past.				
Sēn and Kōḍun Tamil.		Malayāḷma.		
The Third Person Neuter of the Future and the Future Participle.	First Class.			Future Tense.
	It will enter.	Puḡum, K.T. Pūḡum	Pūḡum	
	It will suffer.	Paḡum	Paḡum	
	It will obtain.	Pōḡum	Pōḡum	
	Second Class.			
	It will tie.	Kaṭṭum	Kaṭṭum	
	It will remove.	Nikkum	Nikkum	
	Third Class.			
	It will do.	Sēyum	Chēyum	
	It will give.	Kōḍukkum	Kōḍukkum	
	It will bite.	Kaḍikkum	Kaḍikkum	
	It will know.	Aḡiyum	Aḡiyum	
It will take.	Kōḷlum	Kōḷlum		
It will stand.	Niḡkum, K.T. Nikkum	Nikkum		
I, thou, he, &c. will enter, suffer, obtain, &c.				

In the present tense the Malayāḷma differs from the Kōḍun Tamil in the final syllable only, *nu* being substituted for *du*; the present participle is formed by changing the final *a* to *e*, as *uṭṭuṇa*, 'removing,' &c.; this in Sēn and Kōḍun Tamil respectively is *uṭṭiṇḍa*, *uṭṭiṇṇa*. In forming the past tense the Malayāḷma makes no alteration in the two first classes, the third of the third class assumes the colloquial form of Kōḍun Tamil, the fourth is corrupted by an easy permutation of consonants, and the last is formed by the usual change of *d* into *n*: the verbs which take these corrupted forms constitute the greater number in the language. It will be observed that the various terminations of the gerund, which in the parent language depends on the primitive form, or artificial preparation of the root, are invariably followed in the Malayāḷma: this agreement is constant even in anomalies. In the future tense of the Malayāḷma there is no alteration.

The variation between the two dialects, produced by the default of the Malayāḷma in personal terminations, will appear from the comparison of

the past tenses of the verb *uṭṭuḍaḍa*, or *uṭṭuṇnu*, 'to remove.'

S. & K. Tamil.	Malayāḷma.	English.
Niṭṭiṇḍu	Nān nṭṭi	I removed.
Niṭṭiṇṇu	Ni nṭṭi	thou removedst
Niṭṭiṇḍu	Avan nṭṭi	he removed.
Niṭṭiṇḍu	Avai nṭṭi	she removed.
Niṭṭiṇṇu	Adu nṭṭi	it removed.

As simplicity would appear to indicate originality, the defect of the Malayāḷma verb in personal terminations, to cursory consideration, would seem to declare this to be the parent of the Tamil dialects: the superior richness of the Sēn Tamil in tenses, in the variety of idiom, and in the artifice of language, arising possibly from superior cultivation, affords no refutation of this notion; for cultivation will soon exalt a subordinate dialect above its neglected parent. But analogy sufficiently demonstrates that such has not been the general progress of human speech, and there is no reason to believe that the Tamil dialects constitute an exception; as far as history can ascend, language will ever be found more artificial,



more fertile in terminations, more abounding in inflections, and more copious in terms, in proportion to its antiquity; and during the last fifteen hundred years every progressive change in language, either from desuetude or intermixture, in Asia as well as in Europe, has invariably tended to reduce this exuberance. Throughout every dialect, from the confines of China to the shores of the Atlantic, the ancient structure of language has been gradually dissolved; the cases of nouns have either been reduced or entirely obliterated by the substitution of prepositions; the many moods and tenses of the primitive languages have disappeared, and the various incidents of action are now expressed by a few terminations and a multitude of auxiliaries; and the desire to vary the recurring monotony of a modern sentence compels the employment of a cambrous circumlocution, instead of permitting the more elegant recourse to correlative terms. The perfection of the *Sēn* Tamil, therefore, not the defects of the Malayāḷma, indicates the parent of the dialects of Southern India. This deduction is confirmed by the fact that in the higher style of composition the Malayāḷma still uses, though sparingly, the personal terminations of the original language: the extracts I shall hereafter make will afford many instances of this, and the following short example from the invocation to the *Rāmdyaṇa* will, therefore, for the present be sufficient:—

*Viṣṇuṁ tvaṁ madyāḡaṇa-charitram illāṁ kōṇḍa*

*Kṛishṇaṁ dāṁ purāṇa-karttāḍāṁ vāṁsi chōṇḍa,*

"I have related the whole of the wonderful history of Viṣṇu, reverencing Kṛishṇaṁ, the ancient lord."

*Vāṁsi chōṇḍa*, literally 'I have told reverencing;' *chōṇḍa* is in the Kōḍun Tamil the form of the first person past of the verb *chōḷḍaḍa*, 'to tell;' in colloquial Malayāḷma it would be *chōḷḷi*.

#### Comparison of Idioms.

All that belongs to the comparison of the idiom of cognate dialects may be included in the examination of the construction of sentences and the use of terms. The language of verse in the Malayāḷma dialect differs much less in idiom from the pure Tamil than the language of prose; the rules of prosody are the same, and there is sometimes so near a coincidence that the Malayāḷma will become pure Tamil by the change of a few letters; but the reverse does not obtain, for no verse of pure Tamil could be made Malayāḷma without an entire change of its terms and structure.

This I shall presently exemplify, but first give the following specimens of Malayāḷma prose, distinguishing the Sanskrit words by a variation of type, and adding such remarks as may tend to elucidate the idiomatic difference of the two dialects.

#### Extract from the *Kēraḷāṭṭipattī*.

*Śrī Parasurāmaṁ Kēraḷāṭṭiṅkal Brāhmaṇa-reṇḍakki-ki—paḷadikkīṇam Brāhmaṇa-re kōṇḍa vāṁsi Kēraḷāṭṭiṅkal vēchcha—āṁsi sēshamavar dṛuṁ ṁṇachch'iruvuṁ illa—āṁsi ōkkōḷ tāṁsi tāṁsi dikkil tāṁsi pōy-kalāṇṇa—āṁsi hēta Kēraḷāṭṭi sarpaṅgal vāṁsi nū-gḍe pōy—āṁsi piḷa kōṇḍa āṭṭam ṁṇappichcha nīpḍa vāṁsi illa—āṁsi sēsham Śrī Parasurāmaṁ nīrṇipichcha uttarabhūmi-kalāṇṇa Ārya Brāhmaṇa-re kōṇḍa pōṁsi vēchcha—Ārya Brāhmaṇa-re nūḷḍ āhichhatram dṛuṁ dikkīṇa parapattā Syamanta pancakam dṛuṁ kahēṭṭiṅkal iruvuṁ—d kahēṭṭiṇa gurukhētram īṇa pēr ṁṇḍa.*

"Śrī Parasurāmaṁ caused Brāhmaṇa to be in Kēraḷam; he brought Brāhmaṇa from various quarters and placed them in Kēraḷam; after that they were all without confidence: all of them returned, therefore, each of his own accord, to his own quarter. The cause of this was that serpents came into Kēraḷam and remained without removing; from the distress they occasioned it was not possible to cause any (of the Brāhmaṇa) to have confidence or to stay. After that, Śrī Parasurāmaṁ, having formed his determination, carried Ārya Brāhmaṇa from the northern land and placed them here. The Ārya Brāhmaṇa came first from āhichhatram and remained in the Kahēṭṭram Syamantapanchakam; that Kahēṭṭram is called, therefore, the principal Kahēṭṭram."

This passage, broken into short sentences and unconnected by any of the usual artifices of language, exhibits the most material difference between the construction of the Malayāḷma and pure Tamil; this arises from the former having no connectives to supply the want of the indefinite gerund, which it uses for the past tense—an imperfection which prevents the continued flow of the sense, as in pure Tamil, to the natural period of the sentence. The past tense in Malayāḷma sometimes assumes its primitive functions and is used as a gerund, though this cannot always be done without confusion: there are several instances of this in this example, as *kōṇḍaṇṇam* and *nīrṇipichcha*, which, from the context, must signify 'having brought' and 'having formed his determination,' instead of 'he brought' and 'he formed his resolution,' which are their meanings when used as tenses.

The most remarkable difference in the two dialects in the use of terms is in the application of the gerund *ṁṇachcha*, as used in the Malayāḷma: the neuter form *ṁṇḍaḍa* in pure Tamil means 'to thicken, to become firm,' and is generally restricted to the thickening or curdling of milk; in the active form, *ṁṇḍaḍa*, it almost entirely loses its radical meaning in the Kōḍun Tamil, except in the compound *ṁṇḍaḍaḍaḍa*, when it signifies 'to act firmly, to







## Remarks.

1. The compound *tarasāḍa*, which in Malayāḷma signifies, not generally the town or district, but the actual 'place of birth,' is not, as far as I am aware, used in either dialect of the Tamil; the terms, however, of which it is formed are *taraka*, signifying 'the incipit,' and *āḍa*, as a verbal root, 'to move': the whole implies, therefore, 'the place where the head first moved.' The first member of this compound is used neither in Kōḍun Tamil nor Malayāḷma, and it would be impossible, therefore, for any person acquainted with these dialects only to trace its derivation. 2. *Ilam*, used in this extract as synonymous with *agruḥḍam*, 'the residence of Brāhmanas,' means in Tamil simply 'a house.' 3. *Chūṣa-ādyara*, 'the month when the sun enters the sign Leo'; it is compounded of the terms *cūṣa*, corrupted from the Sanskrit *śiṣha*, 'the sign Leo,' and the Tamil *ādyara*, 'the sun'; but, as it cannot be so used in Tamil, it is rendered by the name of the month, *Āraḥimdam*, with which it corresponds. 4. *Vayasungam*, the last term, or in the oblique *agaṭṭa*, might have been used in the Tamil version instead of *alle*, but it would savour of the high dialect. 5. *Vijayam* properly signifies 'conquest,' but here 'a journey, travel'; *kōṭṭal* signifies in Tamil 'to take away,' but in this place *kōṭṭal*, which has nearly the same sense, must be used for it. 6. *Tippaṭṭa*, from *tṭ*, 'fire,' and *paṭṭa*, 'suffering,' is employed in Malayāḷma when speaking of the decrease of persons entitled to respect; but, though the terms from which it is derived are Tamil, this compound does not belong to that language, the Sanskrit *devīyam*, 'the act of God,' being generally used in this sense. 7. This Sanskrit word is used only in high Tamil, and it is rendered here, therefore, by another, of the same derivation, more commonly received. 8. *Allugum* and *aḷattal* with the dative both mean 'to reach, arrive at'; they are derived from the same root *aḷ*, which in Malayāḷma takes the affix *a*, and in Tamil *da*, converted, according to the general rules of grammar, with the final *i* to *da*; it would be better Tamil to use in this place *aḷattal*, also from the same root, 'to repair to, to obtain.' 9. *Kōṇḍa*, the gerund of *kōṭṭal*, 'to take,' may be used in Tamil, also, with the meaning of the prepositions 'by,' 'with,' but the termination of the regular case is generally preferable. 10. *Karūṇḍa* and *tēṇḍa* both signify in Tamil 'lessened,' but the latter only can be used in the sense here belonging to *karūṇḍa*, 'inferior.' 11. *Parīṣam*, of Sanskrit derivation, is not used in either dialect of the Tamil. 12. *Jāṇaḍ* has the same meaning in Tamil, but it is here superfluous to the sense. 13. This Sanskrit derivative from the root *labh*, 'gain, profit,' cannot be used in Tamil. 14. *Ara* is

a Sanskrit adverb, and cannot be used, therefore, in Tamil. With these exceptions and a few dialectic permutations of letters, the Malayāḷma in the preceding extract and its Tamil version are word for word the same.

The near coincidence which I have stated to exist in the idiom of measured language, and the agreement of the rules of prosody in these dialects, may be exemplified by the translation of a verse from the Malayāḷma into pure Tamil, retaining the terms, their position, and the measure.

From Elūtt Achchan's translation of the *Rāmāyaṇam*.

'Nānmārā 'nērāy 'Rāmāyāṇā 'chāmākkālāḷ  
'Nānmukhan 'ullil 'bahumānatai 'valarṭṭ' ora  
'Vānmiki 'kavi 'śrēṣṭhan 'āgiya 'mahā 'muni  
'Tān 'mama 'varam 'tarik' 'vōppōḷum  
'vannikkunḍa.

Translation into pure Tamil.

'Nānmārāi 'nērām 'Rāmāyāṇā 'chāmākkālāḷ  
'Nānmugan 'ullil 'vagamānatai 'valarṭṭ' ora  
'Vānmiki 'kavi 'śrēṣṭhan 'āgiya 'mahā 'muni  
'Tān 'varam 'taruga 'vōppōḷ 'uḍilum  
'vandikkunḍu.

Translation into English.

"For the purpose of composing the *Rāmāyaṇam* equal to the four *Vēdam*, the four-faced deity caused his gifts to flourish in the mind of a Vālmiki, this great Muni thus became the chief of poets; may he bestow on me endowment and I will ever reverence him."

*Vagundam*, *śrēṣṭhan*, and *mahā*, derivatives from the Sanskrit, though often used in colloquial language, are not received into high Tamil, and would not by choice be admitted into metric composition, for Tamil poetry is nicer even than the English in selection of expressions; the elegance only is lost, the sense being exactly retained. I doubt much if the derivation of the term *vadamaya* could be traced by any person, however well versed in Malayāḷma, unless he were acquainted with the parent language: it is a compound formed of the terms *vai*, 'four,' and *mayai*, in its primitive sense signifying 'a word,' in its secondary senses 'doctrine, the Vēdam'; by a grammatical rule of Sēn Tamil, *i* before *a* changes to *a*, whence the compound *vāṇmayai*, 'the four Vēdam'; *vāṇa*, *kāṇa* is similarly formed. The translation as it stands cannot be assigned to either dialect of the Tamil, the terms noticed precluding it from ranking as Sēn Tamil, and others, as well as its structure, removing it from the Kōḍun; the fourth term of the first line, for example, radically signifies 'to prepare,' and is here appropriately used in this sense, but in Kōḍun Tamil it is restricted to the preparation or dressing of food. The language

of Malayâjma poetry is in fact a mixture of Saṅskṛit, generally pure, with Śēn and Kōḍun Tamīl.

In this verse not only the laws, but even the licenses, of Tamīl metre are observed. It belongs to the *Aḷavaṇi* or *Kaliviruttam* of Tamīl prosody, and its common measure is four feet, thus expressed by the usual marks (— ∪ ∪ — — — ∪ ∪ — ∪ ∪), the first syllable in the first, second, and fourth foot, and the two long syllables in the third foot, being at pleasure resolvable each into two short. This rule is strictly observed in this verse, the first syllable of the fourth foot being resolved in every line, as are the first syllable of the third foot in the second line and the first syllable of the second foot in the third and fourth lines; in translating into Tamīl I have followed not only the law of this species of verse, but have been able to preserve even the quantity of the syllables, except in the third foot of the last line, where a syllable is resolved, though not so in the Malayâjma. According to the strict laws of Tamīl prosody, the fourth syllable in the third foot of the second line (*bahamdaette*) ought to be long, being preceded by a long syllable and followed by a double consonant; for a similar reason every syllable in the fourth foot of the last verse (*vannikkunnān*) ought also to be long, but in the several species of verse classed under the general term *Viruttam* it is an allowed license to shorten such syllables when followed by double consonants or a nasal and consonant of the same class; this license the Malayâjma also assumes, and it is retained, therefore, in the same places in the translation. The rules by which the length and shortness of syllables and initial rhyme are governed are the same in both dialects.

In rendering this verse into Tamīl the second term of the last line (*mama*) has been omitted; this term is the sixth or genitive case of the

pronoun of the first person in Saṅskṛit, and cannot be used in Tamīl, as declined or conjugated forms from the Saṅskṛit are not admissible into that language. They are not admissible, also, in Malayâjma prose, but in verse they are often used with such profusion as to give it the appearance of that fanciful species of composition called in Saṅskṛit *Maṇi-pravāṇam*, and in English 'macaronic verse,' rather than the sober dress of grammatical language: often, indeed, the whole verse is pure Saṅskṛit, connected or concluded by a few words of Malayâjma. The following stanzas will exemplify these peculiarities: in the two first the grammatical forms of the Saṅskṛit are intermixed with terms of Saṅskṛit and Tamīl derivation; in the last nearly all the terms are Saṅskṛit.

A stanza from the *Vyavahāra Samudra*: a treatise on law.

Attipēṇṇi niraṅg' ōruvanōḍ'ōruvan janmam ōkam  
diśāyām

Driṣṭānmaṛ āru pēr unḍ' alukiya vidhi yēnnu  
kōippuṇḍu śāstram

Sajjāti bandhu putran narapati likhitan tatra sam-  
bandhi

Yēnu'istham chōllalavar ōḷiga kōḷḷōḷā dhātri-  
channam.

"At the place where one takes from another the Janmam, or proprietary right in the soil, by the water of the Attipēru obligation,

"The prescribed law is, that, according to an excellent rule, six descriptions of persons should be present;

"People of pure caste, relations, a son, the prince, a scribe, and persons connected with the parties;

"Unless such as are here mentioned be present, a portion of land must not be purchased."

<sup>1</sup> This profuse intermixture of the grammatical forms of the Saṅskṛit in the higher order of Malayâjma composition would seem to have led certain recent Italian writers into strange misconceptions. Though one of them, Paulinus à St. Bartholomæo, has composed a Grammar of the Saṅskṛit, he does not seem quite clear that there is any radical distinction between what he calls the *Lingua Sanscruedonica-malabarica*, and the *Sanscruedonica* (vide 16 and following pages of the Preface to the *Sidharubam*); and the author of the introduction to the *Alphabetum Grandonico-Malabaricum sive Sanscruedonicum*, by which he means the Ārya character of the Malayâjma, though he is sorely puzzled to discover whether the *Sanscruedonica lingua* be the mother of the *Grandonica*, or vice versa (vide p. 6, sec. VI.), expressly says (p. 10, sec. X.):—"Lingua igitur vulgaris Malabarica, ex nempe que usurpatur a Gentibus littoris Malabarici insulis, a Promontorio Comorino usque ad montem Deli prepe Regnum Canara, nil nisi dialectus est Sanscruedonica Lingua." From his invariably giving to Saṅskṛit words Tamīl terminations, and from his distinguishing three dialects, *Grandonica*, *Sanscruedonica*, and *Malabarica*, it might be conceived that he applied the second epithet to the metric language of Malayâjma, but he does away with this distinction by stating it as his opinion that the *Grandonica* and *Sanscruedonica* may be the same (see p. ii.). I cannot, however, conclude this note without making

an attempt to relieve one of the writers I have mentioned, Paulinus, from the consequences of a note to one of the articles of the *Asiatic Researches* (see "Dissertation on the Language and Literature of the Indo-Chinese Nations"). In the general intent of this note, and in the facts it states, I agree; but I much doubt whether Paulinus is to blame for the substitution of the Tamīl termination "di" in his *Sanscrit Grammar*, in the place of the regular Saṅskṛit affix *ḍi*, or whether this be anything more than a typographical error. It is shown in this note that this substitution, I for ḍ, takes place in many other instances wherein Paulinus could not have been misled by the resemblance of the vernacular dialect, and I have had occasion to remark that it is universal in all works printed in the Ārya character at the Propaganda press. In this character the mute *ḍ* and *t* resemble each other so nearly that it is not at all surprising that they should be mistaken by a compositor ignorant of the language; but the fact would rather appear to be that the fount was without the latter letter. The work of Paulinus to which I refer is the *Sidharubam*, seu *grammatica Sanscruedonica*, in which Saṅskṛit terms are written in the Āryam character only, not in the Latin, and in which the substitution noticed invariably takes place; I have never seen his other work, *Vyakarana*, &c. referred to in the text of this dissertation, (See Note D. *infra*, p. 287.)



Stanzas from the *Rāmāyaṇam*.

*Paramātmadām mama hridayarabhasyam id'  
 Ōmadham mē bhaktiśāntandhr mē' tṣam  
 Naramandradū parāṇi' aṇayikē' aruḍ' eḍḍ  
 Paramam upadēsam ill' ālin mēḷe yōnam.*

"This is the secret of my heart, the supreme mind; at all times it is improper to converse or have communication with men who are united in friendship with the disparagers of my worship; behold the height of instruction, nothing is above this."

*Sarvadrāṇaṁ sarvavyāpinaṁ sarvātmadām  
 Sarveṣāṁ sarvēśvaraṁ sarvasatkāśaṁ nityam  
 Sarvādā sarvoddhāraṁ sarvadevatāmayaṁ  
 Nirvikārdmā Rāmadēvaṁ nāṁ apika si.*

"The cause of all; the omnipresent; the universal soul; the omniscient; the Lord of all; the eternal witness of all; the giver and supporter of all; inscrutable even by the gods, Rāmadēvaṁ, the soul uninfluenced by passion, know thou to be."

In the first stanza the term *dīśyām* is the seventh case of the Saṁskṛit noun *dīś*, and *tatra* and *ittam* are Saṁskṛit adverbs used as such without alteration or addition. In the first verse from the *Rāmāyaṇam*, *mama* and *mē* are genitives of the pronoun of the first person, and in the second every term except the three last is the Saṁskṛit accusative governed by the Malayāḷma imperative *aṇika*. In each example the Saṁskṛit terms intermixed retain their primitive form, and, with one or two exceptions, reject the Malayāḷma termination; there is no instance in them of a conjugated verb, though this form is occasionally introduced.

This hybrid language is not exclusively confined to the Malayāḷma; it is in use in other parts of India, though it nowhere else constitutes the customary garb of poetry. It is an invention far beneath the ancient Tamil writers (*Note E*), and they have, therefore, left no specimens of it; but compositions in the Maṇi-pravāḷam are now common throughout the countries where the Tamil and its dialects are spoken. The *Bhadratan* was a few years ago translated into Tamil Maṇi-pravāḷam, from which I shall give a single extract to compare with the Malayāḷma:—

*Arumbuppōḷā tēḍā dantāpōṇṭikā  
 Kurumbuppōḷā kuḇḷāṁmadalāḍayam  
 Karumbuppōḷā madhura cā eḍḍ  
 Irumbuppōḷā hridayam kim dēḷ?*

"Like young buds are the even rows of thy teeth,  
 Like tender cocoanuts the two orbs of thy bosom,  
 Like the sugarcane thy honeyed words,  
 Like iron why then is thy heart?"

Here the first part of each line is pure Tamil, and the second pure Saṁskṛit; the terms of each language are, however, more usually intermixed

with each other, each retaining its own form and idiom. In the present instance the verse, as in Malayāḷma, follows the rules of Tamil prosody, the first syllable of *poṇṭikā*, *dēḷ*, &c., though in Saṁskṛit invariably long, becoming short because preceded by an unconnected short syllable. Saṁskṛit metres of all kinds are, however, often composed in Maṇi-pravāḷam.

The Malayāḷma has never been cultivated as an independent literary language, nor does the Tamil literature, notwithstanding the length of time the country was subject to the kings of Śēram, appear to have been extensively known here, or at least has not survived that dynasty. This is the more extraordinary as some of the earliest and best of the Tamil works were composed in Śēram. This remark, however, applies more to Kōrnāḷ proper than to Mūshikam or Travankor; the residence of the Śēram Viceroys was in this province, and a knowledge of pure Tamil has always been more prevalent here than in the northern districts.

*Paraśurāman*, as it is fabled in the *Keraḷapattā*, of Mayūra Varma, as stated by other, and probably better, authority, in endowing the Brāhmanas with land, condemned them to perpetual inactivity, and indolence and luxury are now the proverbial characteristics of the *Nambūris*. The following stanza contains a short satire on them, which at the present day they certainly deserve, and which probably is not inapplicable to their character as formed at an early period by the extraordinary institutions of the country:—

*Indra-vajra Vṛttam*

*Prdāh pāyōṇām pārātē yāḍgār  
 Atiāḷam abhayaṁgām aḷ'ōṇṇi yappam  
 Mutiāḷam aṇṭē vṛiśakṭaka bhogaḥ  
 Nambūrināḍa jaṇna rujaṇna manyā.*

"In the morning milk and rice, then rice gruel; after the table is removed (!P) and the body anointed, then the eating sweet cakes, and after dalliance (?) the enjoyment of Śūdra women! The life of the Nambūris, methinks, is an excellent life."

I have introduced this stanza partly on account of the contrast it forms with those previously quoted; this verse is a species of Maṇi-pravāḷam, the construction and metre of which are entirely Saṁskṛit, and so are all the terms except the few printed in Roman, which are of Tamil derivation, though here strictly subjected to the laws of Saṁskṛit grammar: thus *ōṇṇi yappam* are both Tamil terms, the former being the gerund of *yajati*, 'to eat,' the initial vowel with the final of the preceding word being changed by the Saṁskṛit rules for Sandhi to *ō*, and governing the following substantive, *yappam*, 'a cake,'—a mode of construc-

\* This verse enumerates the *Gundhaḷakam* or eight attributes of the Deity.

tion admissible in Sanskrit, but incompatible with the Tamil idiom, the proper collocation being *apam apāṇi*.

It is, however, generally true that the Sanskrit has ever been the language of science and literature, as far as science and literature have existed in Malayāṁma; but even in this language no composition of any importance is referable to this country, with the exception perhaps of the works of Śaṅkarāchārya, though these can scarcely be ascribed to Malayāṁma, as it is certain that he left the country at an early age (the *Śaṅkaravijaya* says when only eight years old), and there is no reason, notwithstanding the positive assertion of the fact in the *Kēraḷāṭṭpatti*, to believe he ever returned to it.<sup>9</sup> In the Tamil countries there has ever been a contention for preëminence of knowledge between the Brāhmanas and the inferior castes; when the former established themselves in Southern India they found a native literature already existing, which, though they introduced the language and science of the north, they were compelled, during their long contest with the Jīnas, to cultivate in their own defence. The Tamil was used, both by Brāhmanas and Śūdras, in commentaries on the *Vēdam* (*Note F*) and original compositions on theology; one of these, the *Tiruvālmōḷi*, was adopted by Rāmānujāchārya as the foundation of a new sect, and the authors of it, the holy Āṭvār, all of them Śūdras, are now worshipped by the Brāhmanas, his followers, as saints. In many of the temples of Śiva also the presiding pontiff is a Śūdra, the officiating priests Brāhmanas. Nothing of this kind has ever taken place in Malayāṁma; the worship of Śiva and his attributes has generally prevailed, undisturbed by innovation, from the first establishment of the Nambūris until the present day, and, notwithstanding those extraordinary institutions, which, by making the women of all castes, excepting those of a very inferior order, common to them, has in effect peopled the country with their race, these Brāhmanas, as such, have kept themselves haughtily distinct from their descendants, and preserved with jealous circumspection all their preëminent privileges.

Under these circumstances it was scarcely to be expected that the Nambūris would cultivate the Malayāṁma; religious or philosophical controversy (as applied to India either epithet is correct)

has in all times and in all countries been the great instigator to literary emulation, and, as this stimulus was altogether wanting, the neglect of the Śūdras is easily accounted for, and the non-existence of a native literature in a dialect but one remove from a highly cultivated language ceases to be surprising. There exists in Malayāṁma, as far as my information extends, no work on language, no grammar, no dictionary, commentaries on the Sanskrit *Amarakoṣa* excepted. The principal work in prose is the *Kēraḷāṭṭpatti*, which is also said to be translated from the Sanskrit, though the original is now nowhere to be found. The poetical compositions, some few detached poems perhaps excepted, are all translations from the Sanskrit; these in fact constitute the whole of Malayāṁma literature, and among them will be found all the works of note in the original language. Tradition attributes the composition of the whole of these to one man, of whom the following account is given:—

The customs of Malayāṁma permit but one male in every Brāhmanical family to marry, whose descendants maintain the caste, the progeny of the rest belonging to the tribes of their respective mothers: it hence follows that great numbers of Brāhman women remain unmarried, and—as they are strictly precluded from participation in the license of the Nāyari chēchis—in celibacy. As an entire community of other women is allowed, there thence arises a peculiar distinction between the Brāhman and the Śūdra; the former knows his father, the latter does not: a *Brāhman without a father* must be born of an unmarried female of that tribe, whose celibacy ought to have been inviolate; he is considered, therefore, illegitimate, and has scarcely an assignable place in society.<sup>10</sup> Eḷutt' Achēchan, or 'the Father of Letters,' was a Brāhman without a father, and on that account has no patronymic. (*Note G.*) The difficulties with which he had in consequence to struggle gave him an energy of character which it is probable he would not have possessed had his caste been without blemish. The Brāhmanas envied his genius and learning, and are said to have seduced him by the arts of sorcery into the habit of ebriety, wishing to overshadow the mental powers which they feared. The poet, however, triumphed on his habits, though he could not abandon them, and, in revenge against those whom he considered the

<sup>9</sup> The *Kēraḷāṭṭpatti* attributes to Śaṅkarāchārya the existing religious institutions, but the fact is he knew well the truth of the Jewish proverb that a prophet is never without honour except in his own country, and passed the whole of his life in traversing other regions of India, inhabited by tribes less obstinate than the Nambūris.

<sup>10</sup> A similar slur attaches to Śaṅkarāchārya himself: this is not even alluded to in the *Śaṅkaravijaya*, a Sanskrit work which contains his life and transactions, and is con-

sidered as his true history; but it is noticed in the *Kēraḷāṭṭpatti*, where it is stated that, in consequence of the refusal of the Brāhmanas to attend his mother's obsequies he burned her in his own house, which has since become a general practice throughout Malayāṁma. This story is incompatible with that which represents him as quitting the country while yet a child and never returning, and is rejected as a calumny by the Smārtas, as those belonging to the sect founded by this teacher are commonly called.



cause of his debasement, he opposed himself openly to the prejudices and the intolerance of the Brâhmanas. The mode of vengeance he chose was the exaltation of the Malayâḷma tongue, declaring it his intention to raise this inferior dialect of the Tamîl to an equality with the sacred language of the gods and Rishis. In the prosecution of this purpose he enriched the Malayâḷma with the translations I have mentioned, all of which, it is said, he composed while under the immediate influence of intoxication. No original compositions are attributed to him.

This story, though obscured by the mist of fiction with which the Indians contrive to envelop every historical fact, shows with sufficient distinctness that the Nambûris have discouraged the cultivation of the Malayâḷma. Their success in this respect is to be ascribed to the influence which the peculiar institutions of the country give them over the minds of the inferior castes, and to this cause the neglect of Tamîl literature during the supremacy of the Chêram kings is in all probability referable, as it could not have been introduced without endangering the existence of the mental tyranny which it was the interest of the Nambûris to maintain.

The *Râmdayanam*, from which the preceding quotations are made, and which is one of the numerous works attributed to Ēḷutt' Achchan, is not translated from Vâlmiki, but from the *Adhyâtmaka Râmdayanam*, attributed to Îvara himself, and said to have been revealed for the entertainment of Pârvatî. The *Vyavahâra Samudram*, from which I have taken a single extract, professes, in the commencement of the work, to have been collected from Nârada and the other Rishis; but after a short exposition of the legal constitution of courts, of the rules of evidence, and of the eighteen titles of law, as usual in other law-books, it is confined exclusively to the local usages of Malayâḷam, which are often in direct opposition to the *Smṛitis*. The language of this work is sometimes entirely pure, and sometimes so intermixed with declined and conjugated terms from the Sanskrit as altogether to lose its native idiom.

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Note A.—Mr. Ellis has gone too far in deriving Malayâḷam from the Śân Tamîl; for it is now pretty well certain that the latter is, to a great

extent, an artificial, poetical dialect, though it has preserved some old forms.

Note B.—Mr. Ellis's derivation of these alphabets is not correct, and he afterwards appears to have given it up (see *Madr. Jour.* vol. XIII. pt. II. p. 2). For the present state of the question see my *Elements of South-Indian Palæography* (2nd ed.), pp. 33-32. The final forms of R, L, and Ļ are merely the ordinary forms of the letters combined in a peculiar way with *virdma*.

Note C.—Mr. Ellis's transcription is very irregular and full of uncorrected misprints; as far as was possible, it has been here restored to the orthography as settled by Dr. Gundert and other scholars. In a few instances it has been doubtful what words he intended.

Note D.—The people of Malabar (even in reading Sanskrit) substitute *l* for *t*, and *l* for *ḍ*, in certain cases: e.g. *taṁḍil* is pronounced *taṁḍil*.

Note E.—It seems that Mr. Ellis was wrong in supposing that the Tamîl Maṇi-pravâḷam compositions are recent; one is quoted in a work of the 11th century A.D.

Note F.—I have never seen, or even heard of, Tamîl commentaries on the Vedas.

Note G.—Ēḷuttachchan lived in the 17th century; there is no reason for supposing that he was a Brâhman female's illegitimate son; he was certainly an Ēḷuttachchan (or schoolmaster) by caste.

The above dissertation is of remarkable historical interest, for (taken with the essay on Têlugu) it proves that before 1816 Mr. Ellis had already foreseen the possibility of comparative philology, not only as regards the so-called Aryan tongues, but also in respect of the Drâviḍian. Now it was not till 1816 (so Brunet says, and I must take his assertion, for I cannot refer to the original) that Bopp published his *Comparative Grammar*, which was the beginning of comparative philology in Europe. Ellis could (considering the means of intercourse available in those days) hardly have seen or heard of this work at all, for he died early in 1819. He must then, in future, be considered one of the originators of one of the most remarkable advances in science in this century. His unfortunate end—he was poisoned by accident—prevented his doing much, for he was only forty when he died, but he cannot be robbed of his due fame by the success of others more lucky than he was.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEA.

### MODERN AVATÂRAS OF THE DEITY.

Most readers of the *Indian Antiquary* must be aware that the great leaders of religious movements in India are believed by their followers to be descents (*Avatâra*) of portions (*anśa*) of the

Deity. The Hindûs are generally ready to acknowledge that Christ Himself was an *Avatâra*. The god supposed to be most addicted to these descents is, of course, Viṣṇu.

When I was in Gujerât a man named Kuṇḍera

(familiarily Kuber) was living in a village called Sârsâ (for Sârasâ), near Ânand, a station on the Bombay and Baroda railway. He belongs to the Koli caste and I believe, is still alive, but if so must be very old. As a youth he displayed much energy of mind and singularity of character. One day, after long fasting, abstract meditation, and religious ecstasy, he announced to those about him that a portion of the Supreme Being had descended in his person. His next idea was to proclaim that he had a direct mission from God to make a new revelation of the truth. Very soon he attracted a number of admiring hearers, who in due course of time proceeded to worship him, and present him with daily offerings.

I have been told by my friend Judge Gopâl Râo Hari Deshmukh that his followers, who call themselves Hari-jana, and are known by the name of Kuber-bhaktas, are very numerous. They are variously reckoned at about eighteen or twenty thousand persons, and are regularly divided into holy men or clergy (*addhu*) and laity (*grihastha*). The former either itinerate as missionaries, or preside over the temples of the sect, many of which are found in the villages around Neriâd, in Gujarât. I ought to state, however, that I spent a long day at Neriâd but met with no proofs of the existence of any large numbers of the sect in the town itself. Each temple has two teachers, who collect a certain number of disciples every day and read to them extracts from the *Purânas* or other writings prescribed by their leader. The doctrine they inculcate is, I believe, a purified form of the Vaishnava creed.

Other bodies of sectarian religionists exist throughout India, who are unable to hold together as distinct sects for any considerable time after the death of their leaders. I saw the shrine of a man, described to me as a saint, named Parinâma, at Kaira. It contained no image, but simply his couch or seat (*gaddi*) and the vestments worn at death. No one could tell me much about him, but I was made to take off my shoes on entering his sanctuary. Only a few hundreds of his followers remain, and these are gradually being re-absorbed into the vortex of Hinduism.

The same applies to the disciples of a man named Hari-krishna, who laid claim to great sanctity of character. He died not long ago in Gujarât, and is said to have attracted a large number of adherents during his lifetime, but I could obtain very few particulars about his life or doctrines.

This kind of religious hallucination, however, is not confined to the inhabitants of Asia. In the *Times* of August the 24th and 27th there is a curious account of a man named David Lazzaretti, who was killed a few days before in an encounter

with the Italian police. He lived somewhere in Tuscany, and was called by his followers "David the Saint." This man gave himself out to be Christ descended upon earth. He chose twelve apostles, and surrounded himself by a large number of disciples, who built for him a kind of half hermitage half church, on the summit of Monte Labro. His followers are called Lazzarists.

Perhaps the most interesting instance of alleged Avatâra is that of a celebrated Brâhmanical saint or ascetic (*sannyâsi*) named Dattâtreyâ—supposed to have lived in Central India about the 10th century of our era. He is believed to have been a manifestation of the Hindû trinity in human form. Portions of the essences of Brahmâ, Vishnû, and Siva became united, and descended, it is alleged, in his person. Many temples dedicated to his honour are scattered over the Marâtha Country. I saw one much frequented by pilgrims at Wâi, near Mahâbalesvar. It contained the image of a man with three heads. I observed that many persons were worshipping with apparent devotion at the shrine. I spoke to one or two of the most intelligent, and questioned them as to the precise nature of their creed, but could get no satisfactory reply. Dattâtreyâ is the name of a well-known sage mentioned in various Sanskrit writings, as well as in modern vernacular books; but any information about his worship as at present conducted in different parts of India would be highly interesting. Whether it is possible to furnish any trustworthy details of his real history may be doubtful, but legends about him still current among the people might be collected, and if collated with earlier legends would be full of interest. An account of other modern reformers or revivalist leaders who claim, or are believed by their disciples, to be partial *Avatâras* of the Deity, would also be acceptable as illustrating the present condition of the Indian mind.

Again, can no one improve our knowledge on the subject of animal worship, plant worship, pebble worship, and the existing state of such superstitions in India? I have been told that there is a temple in Bengal dedicated to a cat. Are cats in that part of India believed to be pervaded by portions of the essence of Deity? Has any one seen actual *pâj* performed to a cat? Many interesting articles on Indian folklore and religious life have appeared in the columns of the *Indian Antiquary*. May they be continued! I would not undervalue the good work done by those scholars who are devoting themselves to the deciphering of inscriptions, but the whole life of a people is not inscribed on these ancient monuments.

I appeal to all readers of the *Indian Antiquary*—especially to all who are, or have been, resident in



districts of the Marāṭhā Country and Central India, and in districts not much frequented by Europeans—for assistance in throwing more light on the religious idiosyncrasies of our Indian fellow-subjects.

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# ADDITIONS TO ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTE

NO. XX. (*supra*, page 176).

In further illustration of the use of miniature or toy pottery in prehistoric times, Canon Greenwell, in his very elaborate work, *British Barrows*, describes "very diminutive vessels of pottery an inch high" found in Yorkshire barrows (p. 317), and again observes, "toy weapons and implements are sometimes found in barrows, and commonly in Denmark" (p. 361). Dr. Ferdinand Keller, in his work on *The Lake Dwellings of Switzerland and Europe*, translated by J. E. Lee,—a complete repertory of all that is known on the subject,—estimates the number of earthenware vessels found at Möringen, on the Lake of Zug, at several hundreds; "the smallest are only as big as a walnut-shell, and have been used as children's playthings, or as vases for perfumes" (p. 176). Some of the vessels figured (plates 24, 30, 88) perfectly correspond with archaic Indian forms, with round or pointed bottoms; and earthen circlelets or rings for supporting or keeping them upright, which are so abundant in Indian cairns, are equally numerous in the lake-dwellings.

The remarks in the 'Note' under review, that handles to cairn-pottery are a feature very rare in Europe will not hold good, at least as regards the lake pottery, in which handles are rather the rule than the exception in the lake-remains on both sides of the Alps. Vases with four short legs have also been found (*Lake Dwellings*, plates 106, 151), and vessels on four short feet have been discovered by Canon Greenwell in British barrows (pp. 88, 89). It may be added that rude clay figures of animals are found in the lake-dwellings (plate 158), as well as in Nîlgiŕi cairns and the site of old Troy; and further, with respect to the strange custom of disjoining bodies for burial, Canon Greenwell's researches show that bodies were very frequently laid in the barrows piecemeal, and Colonel Meadows Taylor remarked the same appearances in cairn burials in Central India.

In the 'Note' the *svastika* is mentioned as first appearing on the pottery of archaic Greece and the Hissarlik relics, but it must now be pushed back to probably earlier times, for it has been found stamped on clay remains in a lake-dwelling on the Lake of Bourget, in Savoy, together with the

stamp or seal with which the impressions were made; the seal is a clay cone  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; a copy of the bottom, taken from plate 161 of Dr. Keller's work (see page 339) is annexed; the stamps and impressions are in the French Exhibition now open. This ubiquitous symbol must now also be extended to America, for a 'counter' or 'roundel,' either of bone or horn, has been discovered in one of the low mounds near St. Louis, U.S., on which within several concentric circles there is "a regular *crois gammée*," or *svastika*; hence the remark in the 'Note' that the *svastika* is unknown on Mexican remains may any day be set aside.

London, 3rd August 1878.

M. J. W.

# THE FIRE-ARMS OF THE HINDUS.

To the Editor of the "Indian Antiquary."

SIR,—The letter from Mr. Sinclair (*ante*, p. 231), and the previous communication from Bābū Rām Dās Sen to which it refers, raise an old question respecting the use of fire-arms at an early period by the Hindus. In support of what Mr. Sinclair has observed with regard to the absence of trustworthy evidence of the knowledge of fire-arms (in the sense in which we use the term) in India in the early times referred to,—that is, before the use of gunpowder in Europe,—reference may be invited to an article on the subject in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*, 1876, Vol. XLV. Part I. No. 1, where, at page 44, ancient Hind fire-weapons are noticed. There seems every reason to believe that they were missiles carrying fire, discharged by ordinary mechanical appliances.

R. M.

# THE TELEPHONE.

SIR,—I beg to suggest, through the medium of your valuable journal, a Gujarātī word for the newly invented 'telephone,' and hope it will meet the approval of the students of philology.

The word is ફરાર, from Persian دور meaning far, and گوی from گفتن to speak. The word literally means *speaker from a distance*, and is coined on the analogy of فرارگر ('telescope'), which literally means *observer from a distance*. Like فرارگر, the word ફરાર I trust will be equally acceptable to the Marāṭhī, Hindustānī, and Persian languages, and also to the vernaculars of Bengal and Madras if they can allow the infusion of the Persian element in them.

SORĀJĪ KĀVĀSHĪ KRAKṢĀTĀ.

Malabar Hill, September 25th, 1878.



## BÔYA.

The *Bôya* in the interesting Chalukya grant published by Mr. Fleet, *ante*, p. 189, is a Telugu term adduced by Mr. C. P. Brown in his *Telugu-English Dictionary*. *Bôya*, or its fuller form *Bôyaḍu*, is explained by *Kīrdā*, *Śabara*, and *Mātaṅgasādṛīta*, 'a forester, a mountaineer.' Mr. Brown knew also the form *Bôyidu* (the shorter form being *Bôyi*), which he explains as follows:—"*Bôyidu*, a Boyid or mountaineer: this title was borne by some chieftains, as *Avara bôyidu*, *Māra bôyidu*, *Goṇḍapṛōti bôyidu*."

F. KITTEL.

Esslingen (Württemberg), 30th August 1878.

## A CHRONICLE OF TORAGAL.

SIR,—At *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. V., p. 33, under the title of *A Chronicle of Toragal*, I published a translation of a Canarese document, part of which was evidently drawn from some copper-plate grant or stone-tablet inscription. This part of the document commences with the words "May it be well! Reverence to Śambhu", &c., p. 34 b, l. 20, and extends to the end of my translation.

I have not yet met with the original inscription; nor have I as yet been able to satisfy myself as to the identity of king *Jayaśēkhara*, the maker of the grants recorded in it.

But I find that a translation of the same inscription is given by Mr. Wathen as No. 5 of his *Ancient Inscriptions on stone and copper*, at *Jour. R. As. Soc.*, Vol. II., p. 386, and Vol. V., p. 173. He calls it 'Mr. Munroe's *Dānapatra*', and states, 'It was taken, I believe, from some ancient building in the Karpātaka, and was translated by the late Mr. Munroe, of the Madras Civil Service.'<sup>1</sup>

This Mr. Munroe is probably the Sub-Collector of Shōlāpur, who, with Mr. Thackeray, the Political Agent and Principal Collector of Dhārwad, was killed in 1824 in the insurrection at Kittūr. (See Mr. Stokes' *Historical Account of the Belgaum District*, p. 81; where, however, the name is spelt 'Munro.') If so, the temple from which the inscription was taken, must be somewhere in the Belgaum, Dhārwad, or Kalādgī, Districts.

The translation given by Mr. Wathen agrees substantially with mine. But mistakes are made in it in respect of many of the proper names. Thus, notably 'Powali' is written instead of 'Pāvalli', and the name of the king is given as 'Jayaśamkara' instead of 'Jayaśēkhara.' I have no doubt that the names, as written in the

copy supplied to me, are correct. The details of the date,—Śālivāhana-Śaka 1008, the *Kṣhaya saṁvatsara*; Sunday, the tenth day of the bright fortnight of the month *Pushya* or *Pausha*; under the *Bharaṇī nakṣatra*; at the time of the sun's commencing his progress to the north,—are given correctly in the translation published by Mr. Wathen.

J. F. FLEET.

20th July 1878.

## HIWAN THSANG'S ACCOUNT OF PULIKESĪ IL AND MAHĀRĀSHTRA.

The kingdom of *Mo-ho-la-ch'a* (Mahārāshtra) is nearly six thousand *li* (1200 miles) in circuit. The capital, towards the west, is near a large river; its circumference is thirty *li*.<sup>2</sup> The soil is rich and fertile, and produces abundance of grain. The climate is warm; the manners are simple and honest. The natives are tall, and haughty and supercilious in character. Whoever does them a service may count on their gratitude; but he that offends them will not escape their revenge. If any one insult them, they will risk their lives to wipe out that affront. If one apply to them in difficulty they will forget to care for themselves in order to flee to his assistance. When they have an injury to avenge, they never fail to give warning to their enemy; after which each puts on his cuirass and grasps his spear in his hand. In battle they pursue the fugitives, but do not slay those who give themselves up. When a general has lost a battle, instead of punishing him corporally, they make him wear women's clothes, and by that force him to sacrifice his own life. The state maintains a body of dauntless champions to the number of several hundreds. Each time they prepare for combat they drink wine to intoxicate them, and then one of these men, spear in hand, will defy ten thousand enemies. If they kill a man met upon the road, the law does not punish them. Whenever the army commences a campaign these braves march in the van to the sound of the drum. Besides, they intoxicate many hundreds of naturally fierce elephants. At the time of their coming to blows they drink also strong liquor. They run in a body, trampling everything under their feet. No enemy can stand before them. The king, proud of possessing these men and elephants, despises and slighta the neighbouring kingdoms. He is of the race of the *T'a-ti-li* (Kshatriyas); his name is *Pu-lo-hi-sha* (Pulikeśi). His ideas are large and pro-

destroyed. Mr. Wathen died at the Cape of Good Hope in 1868.—*Ed.*

<sup>2</sup> Was this *Vāśāpūṭra* now *Bādāmi*—*Ind. Ant.* vol. V. pp. 68, 71.

<sup>1</sup> It is greatly to be regretted that no trace can be found of Mr. Wathen's copper-plates. Inquiry has been made in vain for them, and it is feared they have shared the fate of all others in private hands—been lost or



found, and he extends widely his sympathy and benefactions. His subjects serve him with perfect self-devotion. At present the great king Śīlāditya\* carries his victorious arms from the east to the west, he subdues distant people and makes the neighbouring nations fear him; but the people of this kingdom alone have not submitted. Although he be often at the head of all the troops of the five Indies, though he has summoned the bravest generals of all the kingdoms, and though he has marched himself to punish them, he has not yet been able to vanquish their opposition. From this we may judge of their warlike habits and manners. The men love study, and follow at the same time the teachings of heresy and of truth. There are a hundred convents, which contain nearly five thousand devotees, and where they study alike the *greater* and *lesser vehicles*.<sup>1</sup> They reckon a hundred temples of the gods; the heretics of various sects are exceedingly numerous.

Within and outside the capital are raised five *stūpas*. In all these places the four past Buddhas have sat, and in performing their exercises have left the marks of their feet. These monuments were constructed by king Wu-yen (Aśoka). There are other *stūpas* in stone and brick, but they are so numerous that it would be difficult to mention all.

A short distance to the south of the town there is an ancient convent, in the middle of which is seen a stone statue of Kuan-tsu-tasai-p'u-sa (Avalokitēśvara Bôdhisattva).<sup>2</sup> The effects of his divine power are manifested in secret: those who apply to him obtain for the most part the objects of their vows.

On the eastern frontiers of the kingdom there is a great mountain which shows summits heaped one upon another, chains of rocks, peaks in double rank, and scarped crests. Of old there was a convent there, which had been formed in a gloomy valley. Its lofty walls and deep halls occupied large openings in the rocks and rested against the peaks; its pavilions and its two-storied towers were backed by the caverns and looked into the valley.<sup>3</sup>

This convent had been built by the Lo-han 'O-che-lo (the Arhat Āchāra).<sup>4</sup> This Arhat originally belonged to Western India. His mother being dead, he watched in what class of beings she should be re-born. It appeared that in this kingdom she had received the body of a woman. The Arhat speedily went thither with the object of

converting her and to assist her as circumstances might require. Having entered the village to ask alms, he reached the house where his mother had been born. A young girl took some food and went to give it to him. At the same instant milk escaped from her breasts. This proof of her relationship did not seem to him a good omen. The Arhat related to the young girl the history of her previous life, and she saw at once the holy fruit of Buddha. Touched by the goodness of her who had brought him into the world and fed him, and thinking with emotion on the result of the actions of her previous life, he caused this monastery to be built in thankfulness for his great blessings.

The Vihāra of the convent is almost a hundred feet high. In the centre is raised a stone statue of Buddha of nearly seventy feet. It is surmounted by seven stone caps which are suspended in the air, without any apparent attachment. They are separated from each other by an interval of about three feet. According to the old accounts of this country they are upheld by the power of the vows of the Lo-han (the Arhat). According to some people this prodigy is owing to the efficacy of his supernatural powers; and according to others, it is due to the potency of his medical knowledge. But we have inquired in vain into its history: it is impossible to find the explanation of this marvel. All round the Vihāra the rock walls have been carved, and on them are represented the events of the life of Ju-lai (the Tathāgata) in all the places where he filled the rôle of a Bôdhisattva, the happy omens which indicated his elevation to the dignity of Arhat, and the divine prodigies which followed his entry into the Nirvāṇa. The chief of the artist has figured all these circumstances in their most minute details, without omitting one.

Outside the gates of the convent, to the south and to the north, right and left is an elephant in stone. I have heard say by the people of the country that at times these (four) elephants give vent to terrible roars that make the earth tremble. In old times Ch'in-sa-p'u-sa (Jina Bôdhisattva) often stopped at this convent.

On leaving this kingdom he (Hiwan Thsang) travelled about a thousand li (200 miles) to the west, crossed the river Nai-mo-tho (Narmadā), and arrived in the kingdom of Po-la-kie-ch'e-p'o (Rarugachhēva).—*Mémoires de Hiouen Thsang*, liv. xi., vol. II. pp. 149-153.

\* This is Harshavardhana of Kanauj, of which Hiwan Thsang's account has already been given, ante, pp. 196-202.

<sup>1</sup> The *Mahāyāna* and the *Hinayāna*.

<sup>2</sup> Vide ante, p. 197, n. 8.

<sup>3</sup> This seems to refer to the Ajanta Rock Temples.

<sup>4</sup> Rather Atharya, vide ante, vol. IV. p. 174; vol. VI. p. 9; and *Archæol. Surv. of W. India* (vol. II.), Kāśīśrī and Kechh, p. 54.

METRICAL VERSIONS FROM THE  
MAHABHARATA.

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(Continued from p. 207.)

## ABILITY NECESSARY FOR ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE.

*Mahabharata*, ii. 2845; x. 178f.; ii. 1945.

No teaching e'er a blockhead shows  
 What's right, what's wrong, or makes him sage;  
 No child in understanding grows  
 Mature in sense with growing age.  
 The wise who proffer learning's boon  
 To stupid men, their labour waste:  
 Though filled with juices sweet, a spoon  
 Their pleasant flavour cannot taste.  
 But able men, though taught in haste,  
 Truth, right, and wrong, can quickly learn.  
 The feeling tongue and palate taste,  
 And flavours sweet and sour discern.

## GOOD FRACTISED BECAUSE IT IS DUTY.

*Mahabharata*, xii. 5906. (Compare xii. 1327.)

'Tis not for gain, for fame, from fear,  
 That righteous men injustice shun,  
 And virtuous men hold virtue dear;  
 An inward voice they seem to hear,  
 Which tells that duty must be done.

## EFFORT, NOT SUCCESS, THE TEST OF GOODNESS.

*Mahabharata*, v. 3313.

The man who toils with all his strength  
 A high and righteous end to gain,  
 May fail,—but has not wrought in vain:  
 His merit gains its meed at length.

## DISREGARD OF GOOD ADVICE.

*Mahabharata*, v. 4348.

That self-willed man his foes delights  
 Who, ill advised, the counsel slights  
 Of those sage friends who wish him well,  
 And how to help him, best can tell.

## NECROLOGY.

It is quite probable that the masterly Annual Review of the Hindustani language and literature which appeared with great punctuality during the past twenty years will no longer be published, as its gifted and experienced author is now no more. M. Héliodore Garcin de Tassy died on the 2nd of September, in his 85th year; he was a member of the Institute, President of the Asiatic Society of Paris, professor in the school of living Oriental languages, and member of the principal learned societies of Europe and of India; a Knight of the Legion of Honour, Commander of the Order of St. Jacques of Portugal, Cavalier of the Pole Star of Sweden, &c., &c.

When the French Asiatic Society was established in 1821, under the presidency of the great Orientalist, Baron Silvestre de Sacy, M. Garcin de

Tassy acted as its Secretary, and afterwards contributed valuable papers to the Journal. His services to Oriental literature are well known. From his published writings and translations it appears that he was not only well acquainted with Hindi and Urdu, which he taught in his capacity of professor, but also with Arabic, Persian, and Turkish; indeed specimens of all these occur in his *La Rhétorique et la Prosodie des Langues de l'Orient musulman*, as well as in his *Allégories, récits poétiques et chants populaires*, &c., but he appears to have devoted himself chiefly to the first mentioned two languages. Thus he wrote a history of the Hindi and Hindustani languages, edited and translated the works of Wali, a celebrated poet of the Dekhan, as also the *Adventures of Kamrup* and the *Chronicle of Shih Shih, Sultan of Delhi*. He wrote *Rudiments*, *Crestomathies* and *Dictionaries* of the Hindi and Hindustani languages, &c. He produced a French edition of Sir W. Jones's *Persian Grammar*, edited and translated the Persian text of Farid u'd-din Attar's *Mantik-ut-tair*, or 'Language of Birds,' and based thereon his work on the philosophical and religious poetry of the Persians. His *Islamism according to the Koran* appeared in 1874, but some of his older works, e. g. the *Memoir on the Musalmán Proper Names and Titles*, his edition and translation of the *Bâg o Bahâr*, or 'Garden of Spring,' &c., have lately been republished.

M. G. de Tassy had absolutely no rival on the continent in the special branch of Hindi and Urdu literature, and the vacuum left by him can be neither easily nor quickly filled. E. R.

## NOTES.

*The Sun Worshipers of Asia*.—This is the title of a lecture by Chas. D. Poston, the materials for which were collected during an official visit to India. It is a neat little volume of 106 pages, and, while it does not pretend to give more than a brief review of the ancient Persian creed, it contains sufficient information for all practical purposes. We would commend its perusal to all who desire to become acquainted with the religion of Zoroaster. It is published by A. Roman & Co. of San Francisco.

*The Revue Politique et Littéraire* announces the discovery by M. de Gubernatis of several unpublished translations in Italian of Sanskrit writings, including two cantos of the *Râmâyana* by Marco della Tomba, a Capuchin missionary, who resided in Bengal and Nepál from 1758 to 1770. M. de Gubernatis was charged by the Minister of Public Instruction to publish a part of these translations for the meeting of Orientalists at Florence in September.—*Trübner's Literary Record*.



## TRACES OF A DRĀVIḌIAN ELEMENT IN SINDHI.

BY REV. GEORGE SHIRT, M.R.A.S.

MUCH has been done of late years to elucidate the nature and structure of the Sindhi language; but the labours of those who have written with authority—among whom Dr. Trumpp stands "*facile princeps*"—still leave a large and most difficult field open for further investigation.

It is quite true that Sindhi is a daughter of the Saṅskṛit language, but at the same time it must be borne in mind that it is not altogether of pure blood. The essential parts of its grammar are undoubtedly of Saṅskṛit origin; but one very important property—its use of pronominal affixes—connects it with the Irānian languages, though it far outstrips them in the use of them. Most of the words that are from Saṅskṛit we can easily trace to their source, and the same may be said of the words brought in from Arabic and Persian by the Muhammadans; but when all the Saṅskṛit, Arabic, and Persian words have been eliminated there is still a large residuum of such words as Mr. Beames, in his *Comparative Grammar*, calls *deshists*—so large, in fact, that it would almost be possible to compose a discourse and use only this class of words. Whence have these words come? There can, I imagine, be little doubt that they are a remnant of the language spoken in Sindh before the Āryan immigration, which probably drove the Drāviḍian part of the ancestors of the Brahmis to the hills, and incorporated some of the inhabitants of Sindh into its lowest caste. If so many pre-Saṅskṛitic or *deshist* words are to be found, it becomes an important and interesting question whether Sindhi grammar shows any traces of a similar influence. I believe such traces are to be found.

1. Every word in Sindhi must either end in a vowel or a very slight nasal. This vowel is a very short one, and is hardly perceptible to foreign ears—at least Englishmen and Persians generally fail to pronounce it. The existence of such a thing becomes palpable enough when a Sindhi speaks English, unless great pains have been taken with his pronunciation. He cannot tell you that he has studied in the Government

school without pronouncing the last two words *Government's ikūla*. The following Sindhi sentence will illustrate my statement:—*Mūā sūpūā anjāmū kiyo*, 'I entered into an engagement with him.' Here we see that each word ends in either a nasal or a very short vowel; and if sentences were to be accumulated a thousand fold the result would be the same, without a single exception. Bishop Caldwell, in his *Comparative Grammar of the Drāviḍian Languages*, makes the following statements:—"In grammatical written Telugu every word without exception must end in a vowel; and if it has not naturally a vowel of its own *u* is to be suffixed to the last consonant. This rule applies even to Saṅskṛit derivatives \* \* \*. Though this *u* is always written, it is often dropped in pronunciation. In modern Canarese a similar rule holds \* \* \*. The Tamil rule with regard to the addition of *u* to words which end in a consonant accords with the rule of the ancient Canarese."<sup>1</sup> On the same authority I learn that this vowel is extremely short, as it is in fact in Sindhi, where, however, it may be *ā*, *ī*, or *ū*. The principle is apparently one and the same both in Sindhi and the Drāviḍian languages; but it is all the more remarkable that in Sindhi it has survived the combined influence of the Āryan, Irānian, and Semitic tongues.

2. There are some neuter verbs in Sindhi which perform the office of passives, though they are not constructed upon the same principle as passive verbs in Sindhi generally are. The passive voice in Sindhi is formed in the same way as it is in Saṅskṛit, only that Sindhi makes *j*, not *y*, the sign of the passive; but this is merely following out a general law in the language, as *y* in Saṅskṛit becomes *j* in Sindhi. The following verbs, however, are exceptions to the general rule:

<i>piṛpāñū</i>	to be found, to be obtained.
<i>jāpāñū</i>	to be born.
<i>dhopāñū</i>	to be washed.
<i>māpāñū</i>	to be measured.
<i>khāpāñū</i>	to be expended.
<i>dhāpāñū</i>	to be satiated.
<i>chhupāñū</i>	to be touched (by any polluted thing).
<i>dhāpāñū</i>	to issue (as milk from the breast).

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Caldwell's *Comparative Drāviḍian Grammar*, 2nd ed. p. 17.

In this list it will be noticed that *p* is the consonant immediately preceding the infinitive termination *ñā*, and not *j*, as is usually the case, notwithstanding that some of the roots are Sanskrit. This *p* I believe to be connected with the Dravidian root *po*, 'to go,' which may be used in that class of languages to help to form the passive voice. That *p* should have this meaning would be strictly analogous to the supposed meaning of the Sanskrit *y*, and to the use of *shudan* in Persian, which of old meant 'to go,' as does the same word in Baluchi, an ancient sister of Persian. Hindustani passives, it need hardly be mentioned, are formed by the use of *jānā*, 'to go.'

3. Sindhi dislikes double letters, except it be the same consonant that is doubled, or one of the double letters be a liquid. A comparison of the following Sanskrit words with the same in a Sindhi dress will exhibit this dislike:—

Sanskrit.	Sindhi
ātmā	ātimā
strī	isītrī
vastū	vāthū
prāṇin	pirāṇi
tvart	tūritū

This tendency is illustrated in the modification which some English words undergo in passing into Sindhi, e.g.

English.	Sindhi.
school	isikūla
street	isīrītā

This dislike to double consonants is very marked in the Dravidian languages, though it is only fair to confess that it is not by any means confined to them: it is, however, decidedly non-Sanskritic.

4. The postpositions used to serve the office of case-terminations are, as Dr. Trumpp shows, beyond a doubt from Sanskrit; but I believe it will be found upon examination that they were made to fit a Dravidian mould. *Khe* is the sign of the dative, and is from the Sanskrit *kṛte*; but suppose the Dravidian *ku* or *kā* (for Sindhi is fond of aspirates) to have been known before the Hindus brought *kṛte*, it is easy to understand that in the struggle of these two forms for existence the resultant was *khe*.

Again, the sign of the ablative is *ās*, though *kāśā* is frequently used, being a compound of *khe* and *ās*; but this *ās* is traceable to the

Sanskrit ablative termination *āt*. Still in Brahui the sign of the ablative is *ān* or *iān*, and, as Brahui has a large and important Dravidian element in it,—scarcely anything else, in fact, in its grammar,—it is not likely that it owes its ablative termination to any Sanskrit influence whatever. It is therefore, I think, highly probable that the Hindus found some such affix as *ān* or *iān* already doing duty for their *āt* in the Indus Valley; and so their dental was displaced by a nasal—an operation probably requiring some little effort on their part, but natural enough to the sons of the soil.

5. The following words will, most of them, I believe, show their parentage to be unmistakably Dravidian:—

Sindhi.		Dravidian.
pirāṇū	to obtain	per
solāṇū	to divulge	sol (Tamil)
kūrāro	old	kīru
kauro	puugent	kārū (Tamil)
kuḍāṇū	to leap	kūdi ( do. )
khotāṇū	to dig	kott ( do. )
mānjī	a stool	mānjī ( do. )
kārāṇḍi	a ladle	kārāṇḍi ( do. )
tāri	a stake	tāri ( do. )
venū	abuse	vel
orāhū, ārāhū	unfathomable	ār (Tamil)
pirāṇū	to open (as a flow- er)	tirāppū ( do. )
khātā	a cot	kāttū
nīrrū	forehead	neṛri
vāf	speech	vāy (mouth)
soṛho	narrow	sūrrūkkū
pirū	hale	pirei (waxing and waning moon)
mūṇḍhū	beginning	mūndū (front)
oḍhūnū	to dress	ūḍa

6. The following list of words which are neither of Sanskrit, Iranian, nor Semitic origin, and yet are common to Sindhi and Brahui, is interesting:—

Sindhi.		Brahui.
manjhandi	midday	manjan
kopiri	skull	khopri
pinī	calf of the leg	pinnī (leg)
khūri	heel	kuri
thūṇṭhi	elbow	tūt (cudāt)
thāmā	garlic	thām
khāri	a hamper	khāri
gothiri	bag	gothri
dhāggi	a kind of cow	dhāggi
ojhīri	tripe	ojārnīk
kākirā	cotton-seed	kākrā



Sindhi.		Brahui.
rāmbī	a chisel	rāmbī
jbūrū	cloudiness	jūr (mist)
lākū	a mountain pass	lāk
ārmānū	anxiety	ārmānū
tanwārā	chirping of birds	tāwār (voice)
khābārū	Salvadora obovata	khābār
bholiṛo	monkey	bolū
gūngo	dumb	gūng

This list might easily be extended, but it is already long enough for our purpose.

7. It remains for me to try and account for these apparent traces of Dravidian grammar and words in Sindhi, and for a certain almost common vocabulary in Sindhi and Brahui. A glance at the map will show that the Brahuīs and Sindhis are close neighbours,—their borders, in fact, touch each other,—and imagination might easily be tempted to lay hold of this fact as a sufficient solution; still, if it did, it would be wrong. The English and Welsh have been equally close neighbours for centuries, and on the borders of the two countries there have been many people who spoke the two languages, yet the vocabularies of these two nations will afford no such common meeting-ground

as is to be found in Sindhi and Brahui. Moreover, the Brahuīs and Sindhis have had little intercourse with each other for centuries—one being a fierce marauding people; and the other tame and peaceable, given to the gentle arts of trade and agriculture.

There is another point in connection with the Brahuīs which ought to be mentioned, though it will not furnish us with the explanation we are in search of. In some parts of Sindh there are scattered members of the Mari tribe of Brahuīs, but these are neither numerous nor influential, and they have left their mother-tongue for the language of the country.

If the grammatical points noticed above are Dravidian, and the first list of words be from the same source, it cannot be that Sindhi has received them through the Brahui language; for these laws do not obtain in Brahui, neither are the words of the first vocabulary to be found in that language.

They are a pure inheritance of the Sindhi people; and I believe they point to the fact that the Indus Valley was a home to some part of the Dravidian race before the Aryan immigration.

### MASONS' MARKS FROM OLD BUILDINGS IN THE NORTH-WEST PROVINCES OF INDIA.

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The accompanying notes and sketches of masons' marks to be seen on stones of the ancient buildings of the districts through which I have marched during a recent tour may perhaps be of interest to some of your readers.

Without searching through the many volumes that have been written on Indian antiquities, to which I cannot refer whilst in camp, it is not easy to say whether these marks have ever been described or figured before. I may perhaps be going over the ground which in this respect has already been explored more carefully than I can pretend to attempt to do. But even if the work has been done before, the information may be contained in volumes to which all of your readers have not ready access, and the present notes may perhaps, therefore, be considered worthy of a place in the *Indian Antiquary*.<sup>1</sup>

The subject has not, I am aware, escaped the attention of General Cunningham, of the

Archæological Survey of India. In his paper on the ruins of Sarnāth (published in the *Jour. As. Soc. Beng.* vol. xxxii.) the existence of these marks is noticed, and in his instructions to his Assistants (published in vol. III. of his *Reports*) is the following paragraph:—“The stones should also be carefully examined for masons' marks, which are seldom absent from old buildings, and which, if numerous, will serve to give a tolerably complete alphabet of the characters in use when the structure was erected.”

Sketches of the masons' marks are not, however, to be found in General Cunningham's account of Sarnāth above referred to, nor have I been able to find any notes or sketches of them in his well-known volume on the Bhilsa Topes, or in the published *Reports of the Archæological Survey*. Whilst marching about, I hope by degrees to qualify for the grade of Honorary

<sup>1</sup> See a paper by Mr. Walhouse, ante, vol. IV. pp. 302-305.—Ed.

Assistant to the Director General in his valuable efforts to collect information regarding all matters of antiquarian interest scattered over India. I have therefore observed his instructions, and now send you the result.

#### Masons' Marks at Sarnāth.

The first group of sketches on the accompanying plate contains some of the marks to be seen on the sandstone blocks of what is known as the "Dharmak Stūpa," at Sarnāth, near Banāras. These interesting remains have often been described, and chap. III. of Fergusson's *History of Indian Architecture* contains two engravings of the stūpa.

Wilford, in *As. Res.* vol. ix. quoted by Fergusson, gives the tradition that the stūpa was erected by the sons of Mohipāla, and destroyed or (as suggested by Fergusson) interrupted, by the Muhammadans in 1017, before its completion (*History of Indian Architecture*, p. 68). General Cunningham, on the other hand, infers from the characters of an inscription found within the stūpa that the building belongs to the sixth century of our era. Perhaps the marks, some of which appear to be letters similar to those of the Bhilsa inscriptions, may be of help in determining the question of the date of the work. The outer facing of the building has in many places been stripped off by decay, or by Muhammadan iconoclasts, leaving exposed the solid blocks of sandstone of which the lower part of the stūpa is built.

It is on these inner blocks that the masons' marks, here figured, are found. Each stone has most probably on one of its sides a mark of some sort or other, made by the mason or the contractor, for ready recognition, after the stone was quarried or shaped. Only such marks as are on the outside faces of the stones exposed are to be seen; and those now noticed do not, perhaps, represent one-thousandth part of the marks on the stones composing the building. The same marks recur often, suggesting that the stones on which they are cut are the work of the same mason. The characters or symbols are generally about four inches in length, and from two or three inches in breadth. The sketches in the accompanying plate show them in the position in which they are seen *in situ*, but many of them were most

probably inverted at the time the stones were placed in position. Thus Nos. 1 and 4 of the Sarnāth series are evidently the same symbol, one or other of which has been turned upside down.

A rough attempt has been made to group the marks according to classes: thus Nos. 1 to 7 show the triangle,<sup>1</sup> a favourite masons' mark, and one which can easily be cut with a chisel on soft sandstone. These marks are, if I remember right, the most common at Sarnāth.

The next group, comprising the marks from 8 to 18, consists of symbols formed of rectangles.<sup>2</sup> In most of the remaining marks two symbols will be noticed, as indicating, perhaps, that two masons shared in the working of the stone.

The most noticeable of the marks are those figured at the commencement and at the end of the Sarnāth group (No. 1). Thus, Nos. 1 to 4 (No. 4 being No. 1 inverted) will be found to resemble the symbol of Dharma given in Fig. 6, pl. 32 of Cunningham's *Bhilsa Types*.

No. 49 is the well-known *svastika*, a favourite symbol on Buddhist remains. And here it may be noticed, *en passant*, that M. Bertrand, the Director of the National Museum at St. Germain-en-Laye, recently sent me a model of a small altar found in the Pyrenees on which is the *svastika* exactly similar to No. 49.

No. 50 is probably intended to represent the Buddhist sacred tree; whilst No. 51 is perhaps meant for the platform and tree so common on Buddhist coins. On a visit lately to Ājudhiā (Faizābād) I obtained a large number of these coins, the rough tree symbols of which bear a resemblance to the marks given at No. 51.

In Nos. 52 to 61 several of the letters found in old inscriptions will, I think, be recognized. Thus 52 and 53 are the *ṭ* (turned sideways) of Aśoka's edicts, as given by Prinsep at p. 53, vol. II. of his *Essays on Indian Antiquities*, edited by Thomas. The second symbol of No. 54 is the *ṇ* of the same alphabet.

No. 55 is also an *ṇ* from the same plate of Prinsep. The first figure of No. 56 is *v*, but the symbol is inverted on the stone.

It may be noticed that this letter resembles the symbol of Mahādeva to be seen drawn in many places in Banāras, and which Mr. Camp-

<sup>1</sup> The Pāli letter *ṭ*.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> No. 8 may possibly be *ṭ*, and No. 14, *ṭ*.—see vol. V. p. 304, plate, fig. 6.—Ed.



# 7. MASONS' MARKS AT SARNATH.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55

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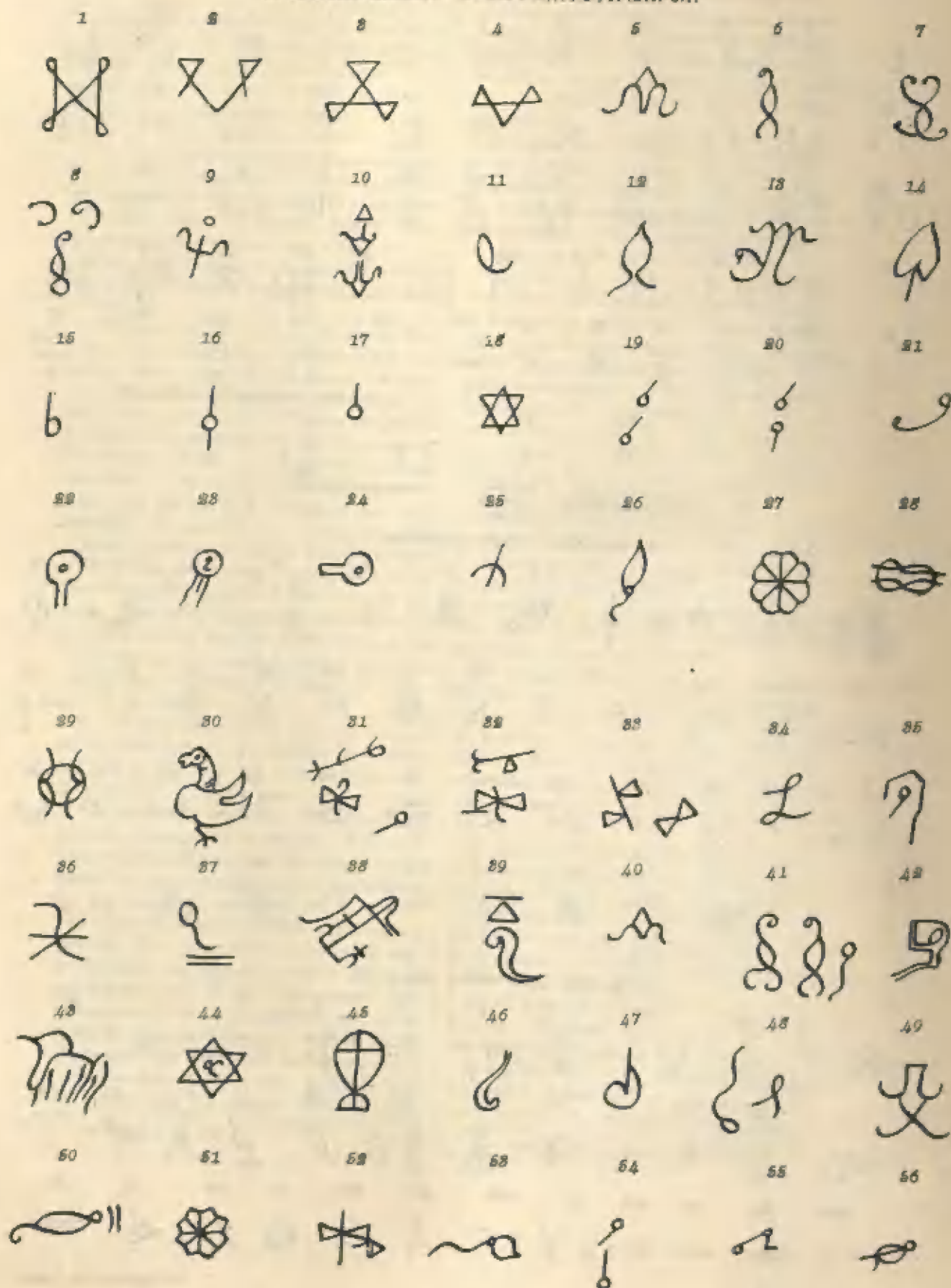
## 2. JAUNPUR, JUMA MASJID.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44

## 3. LÂL DARWÂZA MASJID.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

4. MASONS' MARKS, - ATÂLA MASJID, JAUNPUR.





hell of Islay found at Ajudhiâ—see *Jour. As. Soc. Beng.* January 1877. In a paper in the same journal, I have noticed the resemblance between this symbol and the marks found on many of the monoliths of Europe.

No. 57 is the *z* of the alphabet of Aśoka's edicts (with the horizontal lines considerably lengthened) as given by Prinsep in the volume above quoted. No. 58 is the *j* used in what Prinsep calls the alphabet of the Western caves, but turned with the right side down. No. 59, a rough cross, will be found figured in Prinsep, in one of his plates of the Manikyāla inscription and relics.

The triangle and upright, the last of the two symbols in No. 60, and the lower one,—the circle with a line through it—in No. 61, resembling the Greek  $\phi$ , may both be found in the letters of the inscriptions given in the plates of Cunningham's *Bhilsa Topes*. Practised eyes, and readers who have other books of reference at hand, may perhaps be able to recognize other letters and symbols among the marks herein given.

A farther and more careful examination would doubtless show many more marks on the stones of Sarnāth than I have been able to notice here. At Jaunpur, as will be seen from the other groups on the plate which accompanies this paper, the marks are much more elaborate and varied.

#### At Jaunpur.

From Banāras I marched to Jaunpur, and there I had an opportunity of examining and noting some of the masons' marks on the buildings for which the ancient capital of the Sharki kings is celebrated.

A description of these buildings, illustrated by plans and engravings, will be found in *Fergusson's Indian and Eastern Architecture*, book VII. chapter iv.; and General Cunningham, in his *Archæological Reports*, vol. III. notices the "Jaunpuri Pathān" Architecture under his sixth group of the Muhammadan period.

The chief buildings now remaining are the fort (partly demolished), containing a small mosque and other buildings, a bridge which in 1871 withstood one of the most extraordinary floods on record, and the Jumā' Atālā and Lal Darwāzā masjids.

The masons' marks figured in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th groups on the accompanying plates were found on the pillars and stones of the cloisters adjoining the masjids.

The peculiarity of these buildings is the mixture of two styles of architecture, Hindu and Muhammadan, regarding which Fergusson, at p. 520 of his work noticed above, remarks as follows:—"The principal parts of the mosques, such as the gateways, the great hall, and the western parts, generally are in a complete arcuate style. Wherever, indeed, wide openings and large internal spaces were wanted, arches and domes and radiating vaults were employed; and there is little in those parts to distinguish this architecture from that of the capitals. But in the cloisters that surround the courts, and in the galleries in the interior, short square pillars are as generally employed with bracket capitals, horizontal architraves, and roofs formed of flat slabs, as was invariably the case in Hindu and Jaina temples. Instead of being fused together, as they afterwards became, the arcuate style of the Moslems stands here, though in juxtaposition, in such marked contrast to the trabeate style of the Hindu, that some authors have been led to suppose that the pillared parts belonged to ancient Jaina or Buddhist monuments which had been appropriated by Muhammadans and converted to their purposes."

This view, Fergusson adds, was advanced by Baron Hügel, and has since found supporters in Mr. Horne (*Jour. As. Soc. Beng.* vol. XXXIV.), and in the Rev. Mr. Sherring in his *Sacred City of the Hindus*. Fergusson, although he admits that the Muhammadans may have utilized some Jaina or Hindu buildings, holds that at least nine-tenths of the pillars in the mosques were made at the time they were required for the places they now occupy. Cunningham, on the other hand, seems to differ from Fergusson on this point, and to support the views of Baron Hügel and his followers.

At page vi. vol. IV. of the *Archæological Reports* General Cunningham refers to an inscription on one of the pillars of the Atālā Masjid, "which is known to have been originally a Hindu temple converted to Muhammadan use by Ibrāhīm Shāh Sharki between the years 1403-1440 A.D."

The masons' marks which I have now to notice may perhaps be of some use in determining the class of buildings to which the stones utilized by the Muhammadans for their mosques originally belonged.

Commencing with the marks on the Jumā'

Masjid (2nd group), I would draw attention to No. 1, in which I think may be recognized a rough representation of the Buddhist tree and platform, with the cobra erect to the right of the tree. These marks were noticed on a stone building built into the gateway of the Jumî' Masjid. On the block a figure had been carved, but the carving had been partly defaced and the figure turned inwards.

In 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, also the Buddhist tree may, I think, be traced in the rude symbols. But 5, it is true, is not unlike the trident of Śiva, and the accompanying circle may perhaps be intended to represent a Mahādeva. But I have, in the first instance, suggested the tree, as the conventional renderings of the tree on Buddhist coins obtained recently at Ajudhiā are not unlike the markings here figured.

No. 7 is the *svastika* again, similar to the markings on the Buddhist Stūpa at Dhamek, Banāras. This symbol was, I understand, originally Buddhist, but was eventually adopted by the Hindus and Jains, so the stone may have been the work, I suppose, of either a Buddhist, a Hindu, or a Jain. In 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, may be recognized, I think, attempts to represent the cobra.

In No. 8 the cobras are intertwined in the well-known form of the *caduceus*, and cobras in this position are to be found carved on a stone at the Nāga (or Cobra) well at Banāras. In 8 and 9 the symbol has been turned upside-down, the original position of the stone having been altered on its being placed *in situ*.

The circles of 13, 14, 15, 16, and the symbol on the right-hand side in No. 8, represent perhaps

the Mahādeva and Yoni. In the double triangles of Nos. 17 and 18 will be recognized the favourite masons' mark, or Solomon's seal. The other marks do not call for special notice, save that there is apparently an absence of any attempt at written characters as opposed to symbols.

The tree and leaves or buds as in Nos. 19 to 23 are common enough. The only marks bearing any resemblance to letters are those of 24 to 27.

Taking next (group 3) the marks on the stones at the Lal Darwāzā Masjid, the most remarkable is the combination of symbol No. 1, in the third series,—the triangle,—then a spear-head, then the snakes intertwined, and lastly what would seem to be the representation of a bow and arrow. The *svastika* appears again in Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, the tree in No. 7. Nos. 8 to 15 seem to be intended for leaves or buds. No. 16 is quite a new symbol, of a somewhat elaborate type.

The stones of the Atāla Masjid are much richer in marks (group 4). But many of them are of types already noticed (see the second page of the plate).

The familiar triangle recurs in Nos. 1 to 4. No. 7 is undoubtedly intended for the snakes. No. 8, which I at first took to be intended for the same symbol, is perhaps meant for a bird.

A peculiar Buddhist symbol similar to that on many coins found at Ajudhiā will be seen in the centre of Solomon's seal of No. 44. No. 30 is the sacred goose, perhaps.

In 39 will be seen the cobra surmounted by the Buddhist symbol noticed in the Dhamek markings.

### NOTES ON THE KANPHĀTĀ YOGĪS.

BY G. S. LEONARD, SAIDPUR.

THE acknowledged head and guide of this religious sect of Yogīs is said to have been one Gorakhor or Gorakhnātha.<sup>1</sup> The sect was originally designated by the name of Nāthas, or leaders, from their founder, Adinātha. The name Adinātha means 'a leader or guide,' from whom most of the succeeding *pirs* of this order had the agnomen of Nātha affixed to their proper names. In Upper Hindustān this word Nāthji is used to denote indiscriminately a spiritual guide of any order, just as Gurū and Āchārya are used in Bangālī

and Sāṅskṛit. In its theological sense it is restricted to a Śaiva preceptor, as the surname of Gosain is confined to the professors and guides of the Vaiṣṇava faith. It was, however, gradually extended to a cognomen of the deity Śiva, whether worshipped in the form of a human statue, or that of his more common prototype the *liṅga* or *phallus*, as the emblems of Badrinātha, Śambhunātha, Paśupati, and the equally far-famed *liṅga* of Somanātha.

The Kanphātās were afterwards denomi-

<sup>1</sup> For a valuable paper on the history of the Kanphātās of Kachh *vide ante*, vol. VII. pp. 476.—Eo.



nated the Gorakhpānthīa, or followers of Gorakhnātha, the renovator of their creed and doctrines,—in the same manner as the disciples of Dādu, Kabir, and Nānak were designated by the appellations of Dādu-pānthīa, Kabir-pānthīa, and Nānak-pānthīa. Gorakhnātha, the acknowledged founder of the order, is recorded in a Sāṅskṛit treatise on *Yoga* philosophy, called the *Hathadīpikā*, by Ātmārām, to have been the eighth in succession to Adinātha, the originator of the sect, and to have transmitted his doctrines in Sāṅskṛit to posterity. The names of the leaders of this sect are thus given in the treatise:—Śrī Adinātha, Matsyendra, Sambara, Ananda-bhairava, Chandrangi, Mena, Goraksha, Virupāksha, Velassayan, &c.

Gorakhnātha, according to the authorities of this sect and the *Rakhtas* of Kabir, is reckoned to be one of the nine eminent teachers of the *Yoga* system; and he is still more conspicuous than the others from his having left written documents of his faith and precepts in some works of his composition in original Sāṅskṛit, which no other of his sect had done either before or after him. Dr. H. H. Wilson has given a list of thirty teachers of this faith from the *Hathadīpikā* cited above, and fixed the date of Gorakhnātha in the fourteenth century, by assigning only the space of fifteen years to each of his successors (*vide* Wilson's "Sketch of the Religious Sects of the Hindus" in vol. XVII. p. 190, of the *Asiatic Researches*). In the *Rakhtas* of Kabir, however, printed in the *Hindī and Hindustānī Selections* by Captain Price, there occurs a distich in a controversial dialogue between Kabir and Gorakhnātha which makes them contemporaries at the commencement of the fifteenth century, and states that Gorakhnātha was the son of Matsyendra, and grandson of Adinātha.

The word *kānphāṭā* literally means 'ear-split,' and is, like *nakṣī*, 'nose-clip,' a vernacular term of reproach, applied contemptuously to this sect by the victorious Muhammadans, who in the same way made use of the epithet *hind*, 'black,' to the inhabitants of this country, and called every one *kāfir*, or 'infidel,' who professed a faith different from their own. The practice of boring holes in the ears (*karna-bhedha*) is an essential religious ceremony among the Hindus of all castes and tribes in general, but the

custom of making a slit in the cartilage of the ear, and inserting rings or cylinders made of horn, agate, or glass in the perforated part, as necessary for the initiation of a disciple, is an institution originating with Gorakhnātha, who for this reason is styled the founder of the Kānphāṭās. This practice was borrowed from a custom prevalent among all classes of *yogīs* of suspending rings to the ears, in imitation of the Jains and Buddhists, who in their turn had derived it from Śiva, the lord of the *yogīs*, who is often represented in a posture of deep meditation with similar rings pendant in his ears, as in an image in the Dumar Lepā at Elura, or in the vestibule of the Elephanta cave. These rings, called *mundra*, from the Sāṅskṛit word *mandras* or circlelets, which from their immense size painfully distort the cartilage of the ear, have often been made objects of ridicule by the Muhammadans in their popular songs. Hence Kabir, although a convert from Muhammadanism to Hindu Rāma-worship, does not omit the opportunity of deriding the earrings of Gorakhnātha while discussing with him his religious opinions and principles; a tetra-stich in the *Bāgh-o-Bahār* also accuses the Kānphāṭās, and all other classes of *yogīs* and hermits, of cupidity and greediness, notwithstanding their professions to the contrary.

The Kānphāṭās are mentioned in Lallu Lal's *Tables of Hindu Sects and Tribes* as having originated from the *yogīs* and *jaṅgams* of the Śaiva faith, and this statement is corroborated by the account which Dr. Wilson has given of them in his "Sketch of the Hindu Sects" in the *Asiatic Researches*, vol. XVII.

The devotees of Śiva (perhaps the only remnants of ancient *yogīs* in India, except the Pāramhaṇsa of Śaṅkarāchārya's Vedāntism) are religious recluses from the world, and wholly devoted to abstract meditation. The Kānphāṭās are of the same persuasion, with this difference between them and other Śaivas, that, while all orders of *Sanyāsīs* are at liberty to visit holy places and perform distant pilgrimages, the Kānphāṭās are constrained to remain within their *maḥas*, or monasteries, and sometimes are even closely confined in their *puḥas*, or cells, for intense application to meditation. A reference to this peculiarity occurs in the *Hathadīpikā*, and is thus translated by Dr. Wilson:—

"The Hathā-jogī should dwell in a well go-

verned and properly regulated country, which is fertile and free from disturbances, within a solitary cell within the precincts of a *maṣṭha* or sanctuary."

A *Kānpḥātā* is not allowed to lead a solitary, independent, or vagrant life, like the *Paramhāṣas* or *Paribrajakas* of the Vedic religion, or that of a mendicant as enjoined by the *Smṛittiśāstras*. He is strictly prohibited, according to the *Hathadīpṭha*, from having communication with the wicked, from sitting beside a fireplace, from walking in bye-ways, from early baths and fasts, and from all bodily austerities and penances enjoined in the *śāstras*. In contradistinction to the practices of the *Kānpḥātās* it may be mentioned that early baths, and sitting by the fireplace, as also offering oblations to fire, are positive injunctions of the *Vedas*, and are extensively practised by Hindus, and a large number of itinerant and vagrant *Sanyāsīs* of other sects. The main object of the superiors or heads of a *Kānpḥātā* monastery is the attainment of spiritual perfection in the close recess of his solitary cell; while the chief employment of the novices is the practice of acts of charity and benevolence to every one within the circuit of their monastery.

The religion of the *Kānpḥātās*, as professed by their founder and preceptor, Gurū *Gorakhnātha*, is similar to that of all other *Saiva* sects—the monotheism, otherwise called *Brahmaism*, of the *Upanishads* and *Vedānta* philosophy, which was widely propagated afterwards by its great champion, the venerable *Śaṅkarāchārya*, and his disciples, *Ānandagiri* and others, and now upheld by the *Brāhma* *Somāj* of Calcutta. The only authentic account we have of *Gorakhnātha's* religious teaching and principles is contained in the religious debates (*goshṭis*) held between him and *Kabir*, and preserved in the *Rashtā* verses of the latter, published in the *Hindi and Hindustāni Selections*

of Captain Price. The one incomprehensible Supreme Being, who is devoid of or beyond all attributes, is the object of their adoration. But as a being whose nature and properties are inconceivable and inscrutable, and of whom nothing can be predicated compatible with the finite and imperfect notions of humanity, can hardly be made an object of meditation or worship, certain attributes and properties were required for the purpose of meditation and imitation. To supply this want *Gorakhnātha* wrote a work, called the *Goraksha-Sahasranāmā*, containing a thousand attributive appellations of God, for the contemplation of his disciples. This book forms the creed of the sect, and requires not only the firm belief of its votaries in these attributes of the deity, but their *jap*, or repeating of those names in secret, and *dhyan*, or meditation on their import in silence. In the same manner the *Vaishnavas* have their thousand appellations of *Vishṇu*, and the *Śāktās* a hundred and eight names, and sometimes more, for the goddess *Śakti* (*potentia*), whom they adore. The two Hindu sects known by the names of *Satnāmīs* and *Dasnāmīs* have respectively a hundred and ten epithets for their deities; and the *Muhammādans* a hundred names of God and ninety-nine of *Muhammād*, which they mutter while telling their beads, and utter during their prayers and devotions. But the mere *jap*, or muttering of these names, or the *dhyan*, meditation on their significations, is not enough to acquit the *Kānpḥātā* of his responsibility as a *yogi*. He must endeavour to apply to himself the archetypes of divine perfection, and to accustom himself to imitate, resemble, and approximate them in his spiritual nature, until he finds himself assimilated into the divine essence, by his attaining to a state of clairvoyance and ecstasy which liberates him from the vicissitudes which mortal existences are subject to.

### SANSKRIT AND OLD CANARESE INSCRIPTIONS.

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(Continued from p. 253.)

#### No. XLVIII.

At *Ind. Ant.*, Vol. VI., p. 91, I published (No. XXXI. of this Series) a copper-plate grant of the Western *Chalukya* king *Vinayāditya*. My transcription was made from No.

3 of the photographs of copper-plate grants at the end of Colonel Dixon's Collection. The photograph was on too small a scale for a lithograph facsimile to be prepared from it. But this want has now been supplied through



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the kind assistance of the Rev. T. Foulkes of Bengalūr, who obtained the original plates on loan from the owner of them, and transmitted them to England. This has enabled me to give the details of the plates, and to correct and complete my transcription and translation of them.

Mr. Foulkes does not give the name of the owner of the plates; but states that he is the astrologer of the temple of the god Harihara at Harihar, and,—though the grant was made to a member of the Vātsya gōtra,—that he belongs to the Kāśyapa gōtra. It is not known where the plates were found, or how they came into the possession of the family that now owns them.

The plates are three in number, about 10½" long by 4½" broad. They have very decided

raised rims to protect the writing. The inscription commences on the inside of the first, and ends on the inside of the third, plate. The ring had not been cut when the plates were received in England; it is about ½" thick, and 4½" in diameter. A facsimile of the seal has been given in the Plate at p. 253 (No. 5) above; it is slightly oval, about 1½" by 1¼", and has the representation of a bear, facing to the proper right, in relief on a countersunk surface.

The grant was made by Vinayāditya himself, at the request of the king of the Ālivaśa, and seems to have been made to celebrate a victory over that family. It is dated in the fourteenth year of his reign, on the day of the full-moon of Kārttika, when Śaka 616 (A.D. 694-5) had expired.

#### Transcription.

##### First plate.

- [<sup>1</sup>] Svasti [11\*] Jayaty=āvisakṛitām Viśvōr=vvārāham kṣobhāt-āṇṇavām dakṣiṇ-āṇṇata-  
dāśhīr-āṇṇa-viśrānta-bhu-  
[<sup>2</sup>] vanām vapuḥ [11\*] Śrīmatām sakala-bhuvana-saṁstūyamāna-Mānavya-sagōtrāyām Hārī-  
putrāpām  
[<sup>3</sup>] sapta-lōka-mātṛibhis=sapta-mātṛibhiḥ=abhirabhi<sup>1</sup>varddhitānām Kārttikēya-parīrakṣaṇa-  
prāpta-kalyāṇa-  
[<sup>4</sup>] parāmparāyām bhagavan-Nārāyaṇa-prasāda-samāsādita-varāha-lāṅghana-ekṣaṇa-kṣaṇa-va-  
[<sup>5</sup>] śākrī-śāśha-mahābhīṭām Chalukyānām kulam=ulām(lu)ūkarishvōr=śvāmōd-śvabhīṭha-  
śāśha-pa-  
[<sup>6</sup>] vitṛīkṛita-gātrasya Śrī-Pulī<sup>2</sup>kēśī(śi)-Vallabha-mahārājasya sūnuḥ parākram-ākṛānta-Vanavā-  
[<sup>7</sup>] sy-ādī-para-nṛpati-maṇḍala-praṇibaddha-viśuddha-kṛtīḥ Śrī-Kṛtīvarma-  
prīthī(ṭhi)vīvala-  
[<sup>8</sup>] bha-mahārājas=tasy-ānma(tma)jas=samara-saṁsakta-sakal-ōttarāpath-śvāra-Śrī-  
[<sup>9</sup>] Harṣavarādhana-parājay-ōpalabdhā-paramēśvar-āpam-nāmadhōyaḥ Satyā-  
[<sup>10</sup>] śraya-śrī-prīthī(ṭhi)vīvalabha-mahārāj-ā<sup>3</sup>dhīrāja-paramēśvaras=tat-priya-sa-  
[<sup>11</sup>] tasya Vikramāditya-paramēśvara-bhaṭṭārakasya mati-sahāya-sāhasa-mātra-sa-

##### Second plate; first side.

- [<sup>12</sup>] madhigata-nija-raṁśa-samuchita-chita-rājya-vibhavasya vīdha-rasita-sita-samara-mukha-  
[<sup>13</sup>] gata-rīpa-narapati-vijaya-samopalabdhā-kṛtī(ṛtī)-patāk-āvabhāsita-digantasya himakara-  
[<sup>14</sup>] kara-vimala-kula-paribhava-vilaya-bōtu-Pallavapati-parājay-ānantara-parigṛīhita-  
[<sup>15</sup>] Kāñchi-parasya prabhāva-ku<sup>4</sup>lō(lī)śa-dalō(h)ta-Chōla-Pāṇḍyā(ṇḍya)-Kōraḷa-dharaṇi(al)-  
dhara-tū(trā)ya-māna-māna-śṛīm<sup>5</sup>-  
[<sup>16</sup>] gasya an-anya-samavāsa[ta\*]-Kāñchipati-mapi-makuta-kuta-kirāṇa-salīl-ābhīkṣikta-chara-  
[<sup>17</sup>] ṇa-kamalasya tri-samudra-madhya-varṭti-bhuvana-maṇḍal-ādīśvarasya sūnuḥ pita-  
[<sup>18</sup>] r-ājānyā Bālī(lō)ndusēkharasy=ēva Śāśāni(al)r=Devalīya-balam=ati-samuddhatām  
trairājya-Pallava-

<sup>1</sup> These two letters, rūḥi, are an unnecessary and unmeaning repetition.

<sup>2</sup> It is somewhat doubtful whether it is intended, or is. But, collating all the other passages in which this name occurs, I find the rule to be that, when the vowel of the first syllable is a, then the vowel of the second is e, and when the vowel of the first syllable is u, then the vowel of the second is i or, in later times, a.

<sup>3</sup> Here, and in dīpāpūṣṭi, l. 23, and vijāpūṣṭi, l. 26,

and jāyātī, l. 41, the vowel ā is irregularly attached to the top stroke of the ja, instead of to the centre stroke, in the usual manner, as in caṇḍak-ādhīrāja, B. 22-23.

<sup>4</sup> The upper part of the ka has not come out in the facsimile. A few similar instances of imperfect letters, and of a failure of the Anusvāra to appear in the facsimile, will be found further on.

<sup>5</sup> In the facsimile, the top stroke of the śa has run up into the Anusvāra, so as to read like śrī, instead of śrīś.

- [<sup>18</sup>] balam-avashṭabhyah(bhya) samasta-vishaya-prasamanāde-vihita-[ta\*]n-manō-  
nuraṁ(rā)ñjanah atyanta-vatsala-  
[<sup>19</sup>] tvād-Yondhisṭi(shṭh)ra iva Śrī-rāmatvād-Vāsudēva iva nṛp-āmkudatvāt=Parasurāma  
iva rāj-ārayaivā-  
[<sup>20</sup>] d=Bharata iva Pallava-Kaṣāṁ\*bhra-Kēraja-Hailhaya-Viṣa-Maṣava-Chōja-Pāpdy-ādyāh  
yēu=Ālava-Guṁ(ga)ōg-ādyai-  
[<sup>21</sup>] r=mmaulaia=sama-bhṛityatān=mitāh Vinayāditya-Satyāśraya-ari-prithivīvaliṣha-ma-

*Second plate; second side.*

- [<sup>22</sup>] hārāj-ādhirāja-paramēśvara-bhaṭṭāraka's=sarvva(rvā)n=śvam=ājñāpaya\*ti [ | \*]  
Viditam=asta vō=smābhi(bhih) abhōdāś-ōttara-  
[<sup>23</sup>] shach(t)-chhatēshu Śaka-varshēshv=atītēshu pravarddhamāna-vijaya-rājya-saṁvatsarē  
chaturdāśē varttamānē  
[<sup>24</sup>] Harē(?ri)sha-pura-pratyāsannē Karañjapetra-grāmam=adhivasati vijaya-skandhāvārē  
Kārttikē(ka)-pauruṣa-  
[<sup>25</sup>] māsyām śrīmad-Ālava-rāja-vijñāpanayā Vātsya-augōtrasya Śrīśarmamaṇah sōma-yā-  
[<sup>26</sup>] jinaḥ paṇḍrāya Mārasarmamaṇah putrāya Śānaśarmamaṇē vēda-vēdāśōga-  
[<sup>27</sup>] pāragāya Vanavāsi(s)-maṇḍalē Ede(?de)vojal-bhō(bhā)gē Kira-Kāgāmāsi-  
[<sup>28</sup>] nāma-grāmas=sa-bhōgas=sarvva-bādhā-parihār-ōpētō dattah [||\*] Per-Ggāga(gā)māsi-  
[<sup>29</sup>] grāma-paśchima-bhāga(gē) kṛit-ākṛita-kshētram [ | \*] Cha(ś)ṭasya kshētrasya  
[<sup>30</sup>] si(s)mā [ | \*] pu(pū)rv(rv)-ōttara-di(g\*)-bhāgē Sirigōda(?da)-grāma-si(s)mi Pūli-  
[<sup>31</sup>] va(?)tu | tata igutya <sup>10</sup> Kurvvasurigoja | tata(tah) Perbu(?)tu | tata

*Third Plate.*

- [<sup>32</sup>] Ālgi(lge?)re | tata <sup>10</sup> Āgoja | tata(tō) <sup>10</sup> Nittakalā | tata(tah) <sup>10</sup> prāg-gatvā <sup>10</sup>  
Nērilgi(lge?)-  
[<sup>33</sup>] re | tata(tah) <sup>10</sup> Kurupakere | tata(tō) <sup>10</sup> dakṣhiṇa-diśam=āvṛitya Arakṇṭha [||]  
[<sup>34</sup>] Tad-āgāmibhir=namad-vamśyai[r-a\*]nyais=cha rājabbir=āyur-aśvavy-ādīmān vilasitam=  
achirāmēn-chañcha-  
[<sup>35</sup>] lam=avagachchhadbhira=ā-chaṇḍ-ā(rkka)-dhar-āraṇṇava-sthiti-samē(ma)-kālam yaśaś-  
chichi(chh)abubhis=sva-dattī-ni-  
[<sup>36</sup>] rvviśēsham paripālānyam=aktaś=cha bhagavatā vēda-vyāsēna Vyāsēna[ | \*] Bahubhi-  
[<sup>37</sup>] r=vvasudhā bhuktā rājabbir=Sagar-ādibhir=yyasya yasyā(aya) yadā bhūrmī(mi)s=

*Translation.*

Hail! Victorious is the body, which was that of a Boar, that was manifested of Viṣṇu, (&c., as in No. XXIX., at Vol. VI., p. 87)!

The son of the great king Śrī-Pulikēśi-Vallabha,—whose body was purified (&c., as in No. XXIX.)—(was) the great king Śrī-

Kirttivarmā, the favourite of the world, (&c., as in No. XXIX.).

His son (was) Satyāśraya, the favourite of the world, the great king, the supreme king, the supreme lord, (&c., as in No. XXIX.).

His dear son (was) Vikramāditya, the supreme lord, the venerable one,—who acquired (&c., as in No. XXIX.).

\* The photograph distinctly shows the *Amoreda* over the *le*, but it does not appear in the facsimile. I have found the same name in the same context in two more Western Chalukya grants, but in both of them the text is unfortunately not quite clear enough to decide satisfactorily whether the second syllable is *am* or *le*.

\* This letter, *la*, was omitted in the original, and was then inserted below the line.

\* This letter, *pu*, again, was at first omitted and then inserted below the line.

\* This syllable, *re* or *ri*, is rather doubtful, being crowded from want of space.

\* These seven marks of punctuation are unnecessary.



His son, Vinayāditya-Satyāśraya, the favourite of the world, the great king, the supreme king, the supreme lord, the venerable one,—who, having at the command of his father (&c., as in No. XXIX.), (*was*) like Bharata, on account of his being the refuge of kings, and by whom the Pallavas, the Kaṣṭhambhras<sup>11</sup>, the Kēraḷas, the Haihayas, the Viṣṇas, the Maṣṭakas, the Chōḷas, the Pāṇdyas, and others, were brought into a similar state of servitude with the Āḷavas<sup>12</sup>, and the Gaṅgas, and others, who were hereditary (*servants of him*),—thus issues his commands to all people:—

“Be it known to you! Six hundred and sixteen years of the Śaka (*era*) having elapsed, in the fourteenth year of (*Our*) augmenting and victorious reign, at (*Our*) victorious camp which is located at the village of Karañjapātra in the neighbourhood of (*the city of*) Harāshapura<sup>13</sup>, on the day of the full-moon of (*the month*) Kārttika, at the request of the illustrious king of the Āḷavas, the village of Kira-Kāgāmāsi<sup>14</sup>, in the Edevolal<sup>15</sup> division in the Vanavāsi district, is given by Us, with the right of enjoyment, and free from all opposing claims, to Iśānāśarmā, who is thoroughly well versed in the Vēdas and the Vēdāṅgas, the son’s son of Śrīśarmā, who performed the Sūma sacrifice, of the Vātsya gōtra, (*and*) the son of Māraśarmā. (*Also there is given*) a (*partly*) cultivated and (*partly*) uncultivated field on the west of the village of Per-Gāgāmāsi<sup>16</sup>. And the boundaries of that field (*are*):—On the north-east, (*the hamlet of*) (?) Pūlivāta in the boundaries of the village of Sirigōdu<sup>17</sup>; coming thence, (*the village of*) Karvasurigoḷa; thence (*the village of*) Perbatu; thence (*the village of*) Ālgire<sup>18</sup>; thence (*the village of*) Ālgoḷa; thence (*the village of*) Nittakalā; thence, going to the east, (*the village of*) Nōrilgire<sup>19</sup>; thence (*the village of*) Karupakere; thence, turning to the south, (*the village of*) Arakattā.

<sup>11</sup> Or, perhaps, ‘Kaṣṭhambra’; see note 6.

<sup>12</sup> In l. 9 of the Aśoka inscription (Vol. V., p. 67), we have, as my revised version of it will show hereafter, Gaṅg. Āḷap-andrāḥ, ‘the princess of the Gaṅga and the Āḷapa.’ The Āḷavas are probably the same as the Ālupas, who are mentioned again, as the enemies of the Chōḷakya in later times, in l. 12 of No. 2 of my second series of Kāṇāmba inscriptions, at Jour. Soc. Br. R. As. Soc., Vol. IX., p. 278.

<sup>13</sup> Or, perhaps, ‘Harishapura.’

<sup>14</sup> I.e., ‘the smaller, or more modern, Kāgāmāsi.’

<sup>15</sup> Or perhaps, ‘Edevolal.’ Eḷal is the form in compo-

This (*grant, or charter*) should be preserved by future kings, who are desirous of acquiring fame, whether they belong to Our lineage or to other families, &c.! And it has been said by the holy Vyāsa, the arranger of the Vēdas:—Land has been enjoyed by many kings, from Sāgara downwards; &c.! It is a very easy thing to bestow a grant oneself, &c.! He is born as a worm in order for the duration of sixty thousand years, &c.! This charter has been written by Śrī-Rāmapuṇyavallabha, the Great Minister who is entrusted with peace and war.”

#### No. XLIX.

This is a copper-plate grant of the Dēvagiri-Yādava king Kṛishṇa, otherwise called, as here, Kaṇhara or Kaṇhāra,<sup>20</sup> and also Kaṇḍhara or Kaṇḍhāra. Another form of the same name is Kannara; but I have not found it used in the case of this particular king.

The plates were found at Chikka-Bāgiwāḍi, in the Belgaum Taluk of the Belgaum District. They are three in number, each about 7½” broad by 10½” long; they have raised edges to protect the writing. The ring connecting them had not been cut when the grant came into my possession; it is about ½” thick, and 3½” in diameter. The seal, of which a facsimile has been given (No. 2) in the Plate at p. 252 above, is circular, about 2½” in diameter; it has, in high relief on a countersunk surface, a figure of the god Hanumān, with the sun and moon. The language is Sanskrit. The characters are Nandināgari. In this inscription the letter *ḍa* is usually distinguished from *ḍa*,—by means of a small circle inside the loop of the letter; but the engraver has not always made this distinction, and in some instances, where he has, it has failed to appear in the facsimile. Thus, the facsimile reads *pralipi(viś)aitā*, l. 2, and *Vich-āgrajāḥ*, ll. 13-14; whereas the original has distinctly *pratibi(biś)aitā*, and *Vich-āgrajāḥ*. On the other hand, this mark, distinctive of the

edition of the Canarese text, *aitā*, ‘a city.’ The first part of the name may be *aitā*, ‘place, abode, &c.’; great, much, or *aitā*, ‘the bosom, heart; courage.’

<sup>16</sup> I.e., ‘the larger, or older, Kāgāmāsi.’

<sup>17</sup> Or, perhaps, ‘Sirigōdu.’

<sup>18</sup> Or, perhaps, ‘Ālgore.’

<sup>19</sup> Or, perhaps, ‘Nōrilgere.’

<sup>20</sup> The transcription and translation of this grant have been given, with some others of the same dynasty, at Jour. Soc. Br. R. As. Soc., Vol. XII., p. 25; they are now repeated to accompany and explain the facsimile, which has not been previously published.

ba, is shown clearly enough in the facsimile in, e.g., *Bāgavāḍi*, l. 26, and *brāhmaṇābhyaḥ*, l. 28.

The grant records that, in the *Saunhya saṁvatsara*, when Śaka 1171 (A.D. 1249-50) had expired, on Saturday the day of the full-moon of Āśvādha, the minister<sup>21</sup> Mallisaiṭṭi, with the king's permission, bestowed upon thirty-two Brāhmanas, attached to the shrine of the god Mādhaḥva, certain lands at Saṁtheya-Bāgavāḍi, in the Huvalli Twelve in the Kuvuḍi district; and that the grant was subsequently confirmed by Mallisaiṭṭi's son, the minister Chaṇḍi-saiṭṭi.

The Huvalli spoken of here must be Mughatkhan-Huballi in the Belgaum District, about five miles to the south-east of Bāgiwāḍi. *Santheya* is evidently intended for the Canarese *santheya*, 'of the market', a common prefix to the names of villages in the Canarese country. The *Santheya-Bāgavāḍi* of the grant is probably the modern Bāgiwāḍi, or Hirā-Bāgiwāḍi,—a market-town, and of much more importance than Chikka-Bāgiwāḍi, which is close to it. *Saiṭṭi*, at the end of the two ministers' names, probably represents the Canarese *seṭṭi*, 'a merchant', and indicates the class to which they belonged by birth.

Transcription.

First Plate.

- [<sup>1</sup>] || Chha || Ōm namaḥ Śivāya || Śrī-Gaṇādhī-  
 [<sup>2</sup>] patayē namaḥ || Pāyād-ādyah sa vaḥ pōtri ya(yud)-damaḥstrā-  
 [<sup>3</sup>] pratibi(bim)bitā | agād-iva dhṛitā dhātri harṣā(rahād)=dviguṇa-pa-  
 [<sup>4</sup>] shātā(tām) || Asti svasty-ayanō rājā Simhaṇō Yadu-vaṁśa-jah yasya kīrti(riti)-  
 [<sup>5</sup>] s=tri-bhavanō prathitā Hari-kīrti-vat || Yō rājā Jaitugir-nāma Simha-  
 [<sup>6</sup>] n-ākhyām(khyān)=nripāt=tataḥ || (|) janitō Yadu-vaṁś-āvdhan(bāhan) payōdhrā=iva  
 cha(cham)dra-  
 [<sup>7</sup>] māḥ || Tasya putrō mahā-tējāḥ Śrī-Kaṇhāra iti śrutah | yad-ājām(jām)  
 [<sup>8</sup>] śirasā dhṛitā(trā) bhavati sakhiṇō nripāḥ || Jayati jagati rājā sa-  
 [<sup>9</sup>] rva-bhūpāla-mauli-prathita-parama-ratna-prōllasat-pāda-padmaḥ | Ya-  
 [<sup>10</sup>] da-kula-chira-luḥ Vāsudēvō janānām nayanā-kamala-sū-  
 [<sup>11</sup>] yāḥ(ryah) prithimā=Kaṇhar-ākhyah || Tasy-ānyah(nya)-kshiti-pāla-mauli-  
 [<sup>12</sup>] makuda(ta)-pratyapta-ratnais-chiraṁ nīrājach-charaṇ-āraviṇḍa-yugalāḥ  
 [<sup>13</sup>] śeṣhasya prithivīpatēḥ | śūrō=mātya-dhori sthitō vijayantō Bi-  
 [<sup>14</sup>] ch-āgrajāḥ saṁtataṁ Mall-ākhyah kila Chikkadēva-tanayah pra-  
 [<sup>15</sup>] khyāta-kīrti(riti)=bhavi || Tasya putrō mahā-tējāḥ Śrī-Kaṇhāra i-  
 [<sup>16</sup>] ti śrutah || (|) yō jidvā(trā) prithivīāsya yō rājō(jō) dakṣiṇō bhē(bha)-  
 [<sup>17</sup>] jah || Prasāh(śa)sy(sty)=arāṇ(ri)n=yah pragrihita-chāpō dadāti ch=ārthān=kripa-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] yā dvijēbhayah | Śrā(śrī)-Sōmanāth-āṁghri-yug-āramatyā pravarddhi-  
 [<sup>19</sup>] t-āsēsha-vibhūti-rām(ra)myah || Chha || Svasti || Eka-saptaty-uttara-śat-ā-  
 [<sup>20</sup>] dhō(dhi)ka-sahasra-saṁkhyēsha Śak-āvdō(bdē)ahv=atitēshu pravarttamānō Saṁ(sau)mya-  
 [<sup>21</sup>] saṁvatsarō tad-nūta(tar)-gat-Āśvādha-paurṇamāsyaṁ Sannīśhara-vārē Pā-  
 [<sup>22</sup>] rv-Āśvādha(dhā)-nakṣatrō Vaidhṛiti-yōgō(ga) ittham-bhūta-paṁ(pe)nya-kālō  
 rājah(jāḥ)  
 [<sup>23</sup>] sarba(rva)-rda(dō)ś-ādhi-kāri | sah | Mallisaiṭṭi-nām-āmatyah(tyō) Mudugala-grā-  
 [<sup>24</sup>] mē vassam(sa)n | tad-anuja(jā)ya sva-dēv-ārochana-samayē Śrī-Sōmanātha-  
 sa(sam)nīdhau  
 [<sup>25</sup>] mahādharmaika-Vīraṇāyaka-vijñāpanayā sv-ādhi-kāra-vishayē Kuvuḁ-  
 [<sup>26</sup>] ḍi-dēśō Huvalli-dvādasa-gga(grā)m-ābhyaṁtarē Saṁtheya-Bāgavāḍi-saṁjñā-  
 [<sup>27</sup>] kō grāmē bhagavaṁ(vah)-Śrī(chhri)-Mādhaḥva-dēva-pura(rah)sarēbhyaḥ dvā-triṁśat-saṁkhyā-  
 [<sup>28</sup>] kēbhyaḥ nānā-gōtrēbhyaḥ brāhmaṇābhyaḥ=na(ta)d-grāma-dakṣiṇa-digu(g)-bhāgē-

Second plate; first side.

- [<sup>29</sup>] ehaṭ pāshāṇa(ehaṭ-pāshāṇa)-mudritām bhū(bhū)mim dhārā-pūrba(rva)kaṁ datta-

<sup>21</sup> Amātya.



॥ क॥ ॐ नमः शि॥ ॥ वाया॥ श्रीगंगाधि  
 प्रनायनमः॥ पाया दाम मद्यः सवः पोत्री पदं शु  
 प्रतिविदिता मगादि वधम मताम वीदृषादि गुण पु  
 क्षता॥ ससिखस्य यनोराडा सिंद गो यदु वंरा रुध्यस्य कोवि  
 सिनु वल पधिता हरिकोर्तिवत्॥ यो राडा जिनु गिनी मसिंद  
 गा न्या तपा वतः॥ कति तोय दु वंरा वो पाया धवि ववदुम  
 माः॥ तमा पुत्रो महातडाः श्रीक हार नति युतः॥ यदा जो  
 शिरसा धृता तवति सुखिना नृपाः॥ रुयति रुगति राडा स  
 वत्तू पालामो लिपधित परमरत्न प्रो लसत्या द पद्यः॥ य  
 दु कुल विरली ल वा सुद विरु ना नीने यन कमल सु  
 यः प्राति मा क ह्य राख्यः॥ तस्या न्यः किति पालमो लि  
 मकुद पत्यु प्ररत्ने खिरं ती रा रुवरा गा रविंद युगलः  
 रा षस्य पृष्ठी पांतः॥ शरोमा तधुरि स्मिता विरु यत वीम  
 चाग्र रुः संततं मल्लारख्यः॥ किल विक्रद वत नयः प्रम  
 इया तकी त्रिपु वि॥ तस्य पुत्रो महातडाः श्रीक हार रु  
 तिशु तः॥ यो जि हा पृष्ठी वीरा स्याया रा डो दहि गो से  
 रुः॥ पशं स्य रा न्यः प्रगृहीत चापा ददाति चार्धकृ प  
 या दिजि न्यः॥ श्री सोम ना धी धियुगा वन त्या प्रवर्हि  
 ता शेष विभूति रं म्यः॥ क॥ सुसि॥ एक समत्युत्तर राता  
 धक सहस्र संरम्य पु रा का द्वेष नीत धे प्रवर्तमान सौं म्य  
 संव सार तदैत गता षा हा पो र्म मा स्यां रा ने श्वर वारे पू  
 वी षा ठ न द्वा वि विधुति योगे इ सं क्त त पुं ण्य काले रा  
 सर्व देशा धिका री॥ सः मल्लि सिदि ता मा मा यः मुदु गल गा  
 मे व संतू तद नु रुया स्रु दे वा र्व न सम ये श्री सोम ना धस निधो  
 म हा धा र्मिक वी र नायक बिहू पु न या स्वा धिका र विषे ये कुटुं  
 दि दे रो ह वल्लि हा द श ग मा न्य त रे सं घे य बा ग वा दि सं ह  
 के ग्या मे न म वं री मा ध व दे व पु र स रे त्यो हा त्रि रा सं बा  
 के त्या ना ना गो वे त्यो बा ह्य गो त्यो म्हा म द कि ल दि गु ला गी



पट्टपाशाणमुद्रितां  
 मोक्षं न उच्यते वत्तः  
 नारायणो गच्छादिसकलं पु  
 नः उदत्तं श्रीमाधवदेवस्यै  
 यं कंबुपरिमितं के उदत्तं तदित  
 त्वं ह्यपुत्री वर्ति स्यै स्यै बाह्या  
 मेव तद्गामपुर्वदिगुनाशे तद्ग  
 के उदत्तं तदत्तं तस्यै तद्गामो  
 यकान्ते पुरुषादिगुनाशे तद्ग  
 माधवदेवस्यै बाह्यामोक्षं प  
 नुमिसेन वदतां क॥ मन्त्रं त  
 मामाद्यः पितृकृते तथैव परि  
 मवन्माधवदेवदेवपुरस्यै  
 वृणासतद्व्यापितुर्धर्मसुदृढ  
 तेषां पुत्रिणां हीनतां गतां  
 आत्रेयाणां जीयसां मावदिवि  
 हारितरात्राद्याध्यायस्यैका  
 यप्रसाकरत्रिवाडिसुतदा  
 वृत्रि॥ कौशिकगात्रीयमद  
 दिवप्राठकास्यैकाद्वि॥ व  
 ठकसुतकेशकपाठक॥ तस्यै  
 यवामे मण्डवत्तसुतत्रिवि  
 ति॥ शांडिल्यागावस्य वि  
 णपदवर्द्धमस्यार्द्धवृत्रि॥  
 वर्द्धतसुततागादेवपदवर्द्ध  
 उकेशवपदवर्द्धमसुतदामोद  
 सिद्धामे वावराणां कोटि  
 दवठपाध्यायस्यार्द्धवृत्रि॥



- [<sup>20</sup>] vān | (||) Tatra | bhagavatah Śrī-Mādhava-dēva<sup>22</sup>śya aṅga-  
 [<sup>21</sup>] bhōga-raṅgabhōg-ādi-sakala-pu(pū)j-ārtham sahasa(śra)-kaṇṭha-parimitam  
 [<sup>22</sup>] kshētram dattam. | Śrī-Mādhava-dēva-satrē brāhmaṇa-bhōjan-ātha(rtham) śata-dva-  
 [<sup>23</sup>] ya-kaṇṭha-parimitam kshētram dattam [1\*] Tad-itarā(rām) tu kshētram Śrī-Mādhava-dē-  
 [<sup>24</sup>] va-Brāh(bra)hmapari-varvi(rti)bhyaḥ-nā(tē)bhyaḥ brāhmaṇēbhyō dattam | Tat-satr-ārtha-  
 [<sup>25</sup>] m-dēva tad-grāma-pu(pū)ṛva-digu(g)-bhāgē śata-dvaya-kaṇṭha-parimitam ādi-  
 [<sup>26</sup>] kshētram tēna dattam || Tat-satr-ārtham=dēva tad-grām-ōta(śta)ra-dig-bhāgē Vinā-  
 [<sup>27</sup>] yaka-nairuru(rṣi) for rura(nya)-digu(g)-nā(bhā)gē śata-kaṇṭha-parimā(m)tam  
 [kshētram\*] dattam [1\*] Iti Śrī-  
 [<sup>28</sup>] Mādhava-dēva-satra-brāhmaṇa-bhōjan-ātham(rtham) pa(pam)cha-śata-kaṇṭha-parimitā  
 [<sup>29</sup>] bhū(bhū)miḥ-nā(tē)n-aiva dattā || Chha || Am(a)namitarā tasya | putrō-sau  
 Chanmāṇṭṭi-nā-  
 [<sup>30</sup>] m-āmaṇṭṭyaḥ(tyaḥ) pitri-kṛin(t)-nita(tad)-dharma-paripālānāy-āsmīn(nn)-arthē bha-  
 [<sup>31</sup>] gavan-Mādhava-dēva-dēva-<sup>23</sup>pura(ruḥ)śarēbhyas=ta(tē)bhyaḥ brāhmaṇēbhyas=tām-  
 [<sup>32</sup>] vra(bra)-śāsana(nam) danga(ttvā) pitar=dhḍha(ddha)rmaṁ su-dīḍhatarāṁ kṛitavāna(n) ||  
 Chha || ||  
 [<sup>33</sup>] Tēshām pu(pra)tigrihṭri(tṛ)ṇām(pām) gōtra-guṇa-nāmāni likyamitē || Chha ||  
 [<sup>34</sup>] Ātrēya-gōtriya-Sāmaṇḍi-Vishṇubhaṭṭ-Ōpādhyāya-suta-Sarva-  
 [<sup>35</sup>] jña-Hariharabhaṭṭ-Ōyā(pā)dyānasy-aikā vṛittih || Kauśika-gōtri-  
 [<sup>36</sup>] ya-Prabhākara-Trivāḍi-suta-Dāmōdaya(ru)-Trivāḍiḥ tasy=d(ā)kā  
 [<sup>37</sup>] vṛittih || Kauśika-gōtriya-Madanī(yi)ta-Pāṭhaka-suta-Bāma-  
 [<sup>38</sup>] dēva-Yā(pā)thakasy-aikā dṛi(vṛi)ttih || Vasishṭha-gōtriya-Jayita-Pā-  
 [<sup>39</sup>] ṭhaka-suta-Kēśaka(va)-Pāṭhakaḥ ||<sup>24</sup> tasy=aikā vṛittih || Harita-gōtri-  
 [<sup>40</sup>] ya-Vāmāna(na)-Paṭṭavarḍdha(rddha)na-suta-Trivikrama-Paṭṭavarḍdhanasy=ārdḍha-vṛi-  
 [<sup>41</sup>] ttih || Sāmḍilya-gōtrasya Vishṇubhaṭṭ-Ōpādhyāya-suta-Petta-  
 [<sup>42</sup>] ṇa-Paṭṭavarḍdhanasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Harita-gōtra-Dāmōdara-Paṭṭa-  
 [<sup>43</sup>] varḍdhana-suta-Tā(nā)gudēva-Paṭṭavarḍdhanasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Harita-gō-  
 [<sup>44</sup>] tra-Kēśava-Paṭṭavarṭa(rddha)na(na)-suta-Dāmōdara-Paṭṭavarḍdhanasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Va-  
 [<sup>45</sup>] siṣṭha-Maitrāvaruṇa-Kaṇ(kaṇ)ḍīya-gōtra-Ādityabhaṭṭa-suta-Mali-  
 [<sup>46</sup>] dēva-Tha(u)pādhyāyasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Maṇḍu(d)galya-gōtra-Nārāyaṇa-

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- [<sup>47</sup>] Upādhyāya-suta-Rudr-U(ḍ)pādhyāyasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Ta-  
 [<sup>48</sup>] sya trā(bhrā)ṭā Gōvinḍ-U(ḍ)pādhyāyasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Bhāra-  
 [<sup>49</sup>] dvāja-gōtra-Kalidēva-Paṭṭavarḍdhana-suta-Śrīdhara-Paṭṭava-  
 [<sup>50</sup>] rddhanasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Gautama-gōtra-Maha(hā)ḍēva-Paṭṭavarḍdhana-suta-Kā-  
 [<sup>51</sup>] va(ma?)dēva-Kramitasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Kāśyapa-gōtra-Mamohyapa-Paṭṭavarḍdhana-  
 [<sup>52</sup>] suta-Vra(bra)hmadēvabhaṭṭ-Ōpādhyāyasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Da(ha)ritā-gōtra-Gōvī(vim)da-  
 [<sup>53</sup>] suta-Bāyihā(dē)vabhaṭṭ-Ōpādhyāyasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Sāmḍilya-gōtra-Hidya(?)  
 [<sup>54</sup>] ṇa-suta-Śrīra(ram)gasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Kāśyapa-gōtra-Atyāṁ(?)ṇa-suta-Madhava-  
 [<sup>55</sup>] ṇa-Paṭṭavarḍdha(rddha)ṇasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Bhāradvāja-gōtra-Maha(hā)ḍa(dē)va-suta-  
 Malidē-  
 [<sup>56</sup>] va-Ya(gha)lisasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Rathītara-gōtra-Sōmanātha-suta-Va(ba)ṇaṇa-Ghali-  
 [<sup>57</sup>] ssasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Ātra(trē)ya-gōtra-Gōpāla-śa(su)ta-Malidēva-Ghaliṣasy=ārdḍha-  
 [<sup>58</sup>] vṛittih || Vishṇuvṛiddha-gōtra-Mādhava-Paṭṭavarḍdhana-suta-Malidēva-Paṭṭavarḍdhanasy=ā-  
 [<sup>59</sup>] rddha-vṛittih || Ātrēya-gōtra-Nārāyaṇa-suta-Va(ba)ṇaṇa-Kramitasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih |  
 [<sup>60</sup>] Tā(bhā)radvāja-gōtra-Nāra(rāya?)ṇa-suta-Jātavēda-Paṭṭavarḍdhanasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih ||  
 Bhāra-  
 [<sup>61</sup>] dvāja-gōtra-Śrīdhara-śa(su)ta-Hāśvara-Ghaliṣasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Śrīvata-gō-  
 [<sup>62</sup>] tra-Māyidēva-suta-Gōvī(vim)da-Ghaliṣasy=ārdḍha-vṛittih || Kāśyapa-gōtra-Ā-

<sup>22</sup> This letter, m, was omitted in the original, and was then inserted above the line.

<sup>23</sup> This repetition of the word dēva is unnecessary.

<sup>24</sup> This mark of punctuation is unnecessary.

- [<sup>12</sup>] ditya-suta-Malidēva-Ghalisasy=ārdha-vṛittih || Vasishṭha-gōtra-Tākhōra-  
 [<sup>13</sup>] Ghalisasy=ārdha-vṛittih [|\*] Kāśyapa-gōtra-Vishṇu-Ghalisasy=ārdha-vṛittih [|\*]  
 [<sup>14</sup>] Kausika-gōtra-Viśvanātha-Ghē(ghai)sasy=ārdha-vṛittih || Ātra(trē)ya-gōtra-Malidē-  
 [<sup>15</sup>] va-Ghalisasy(sy)=ārdha-vṛittih || Kāśyapa-gōtra-Svamidēva-Ghalisasy=ārdha-vṛittih ||  
 [<sup>16</sup>] Kan(kauṁ)ḍinya-gōtra-Narasimha-Ghalisah || Kausika-gōtra-Dāmōdara-Ghalisah  
 [<sup>17</sup>] || Viśva(śvā)mitra-gōtra-Malidēva-Ghalisah || Mūka-gōtra-Kāyapa-Ghali-  
 [<sup>18</sup>] sah || Kāśyapa-gōtra-Ma(mā or na)rasī(sim)ha-Ghalisah || Śā(śām)di(ḍi)lya-gōtra-Nāgadēva-  
 [<sup>19</sup>] Ghalisah(sah for sāsah) || Agastya-gōtra-Kalidēda(va)-Ya(pa)ttavarddhanah || Ātrēya-gō-  
 [<sup>20</sup>] tra-Vishṇu-Paṭṭavarddhanah || Bhāradvāja-gōtra-Dāsa-Malidēva-Ghalisah || Kā-  
 [<sup>21</sup>] śyapā(pa)-gōtra-Vāsudēva-Ghalisah || Harita-gōtra-Śrīdhara-Paṭṭavarddha(rddha)nah |(|)  
 [<sup>22</sup>] Kāśyapa-gōtra-Dēvaṇa-Ghalisah || Śō(śau)ṇaka-gōtra-Mādhava-Ghalisah [|\*]  
 [<sup>23</sup>] Ētēpā(shām) praty-ākam=ārdha-vṛittih || Kāśya(pa\*)-gōtra-Cha(ja)gadē(ddē)va-  
 Pābhakasya ||  
 [<sup>24</sup>] pād-ōna-vṛittih || Itah param=anyēshā(shām) yu(pra)ty-ēka(kaz) pāda-vṛittih ||  
 Viśi(śvā)mi-  
 [<sup>25</sup>] tra-gōtra-Rāmadēva-Ghalisah || Gōtama-gōtra-Malidēva-Ghalisah ||  
 Third plate.  
 [<sup>26</sup>] Bhāradvāja-gōtra-Vē(vai)janātha-Ghalisah || Śrīvatsa-  
 [<sup>27</sup>] gōtra-Rāmadēva-Ghalisah || Bhāradvāja-gōtra-Kā-  
 [<sup>28</sup>] lidāsa-Ghalisah || Kāśyapa(pa)-gōtra-Gōyā(pā)la-Ghalisa-  
 [<sup>29</sup>] h || Tasya bhrātā Kalitē(dē)va-Ghalisah || Kāśya(pa\*)-gō-  
 [<sup>30</sup>] tra-Nāgadēva-Ghalisah || Bhāradvāja-gōtra-Voppadēva-Gha-  
 [<sup>31</sup>] lisah || Viśvāmitra-gōtra-Lakshmidhara-śu(su)ṭa-Gōpāla-Ghalisah ||  
 [<sup>32</sup>] Kāśyapa-gōtra-Narasimhabhaṭṭah || Kaumḍinya-gōtra-Nāga-suta-Vishṇuh ||  
 [<sup>33</sup>] Jāmadagnya-vasa<sup>22</sup>-gōtra-Dēvaṇa-Ghalisah || Kō(kā)śyapa-gōtra-Udayabhaṭṭah ||  
 [<sup>34</sup>] Kausika-gōtra-Dēvaṇa-suta-Mamōchyaṇa-Ghalisah(sah) || Kāśyapa-gōtra-Ha-  
 [<sup>35</sup>] ṭṭa(p)ṇa-Paṭṭavarddha(rddha)nah || Bhāradvāja-gōtra-Malidēva-suta-Kalidēva-Paṭṭava-  
 [<sup>36</sup>] rddha(rddha)nasay-aikā vṛittih | (|) Vasishṭha-gōtra-Vaṣya(?)ṇa-suta-Janārdha(rdda)na-  
 Ghalis-  
 [<sup>37</sup>] sasy=ārdha(rddha)-vṛittih || Vilūka-suta-Padmanābha-Paṭṭavarddha(rddha)na-  
 [<sup>38</sup>] sy-aikā vṛittih [|\*] Tasya suta(sya\*) Sōmanāthasy-aikā vṛittih ||  
 [<sup>39</sup>] Ittham dvā-tri(tri)śad=vṛittayō vibhajya vrā(brā)hmaṇōbhyō dattah(tāh) | (|) Chha ||  
 Tad-āgāmibhi-  
 [<sup>40</sup>] v(r)-asēsha-bhūpālai(lai) sva-datta-nirviśēsham paripālanīyam=iti bhagava-  
 [<sup>41</sup>] sā Vēda-Vyāsēn-ōktaṁ | Va(ba)hubhi=vasudhā bhuktā rājābhi(bhi) Sagar-ādibhi(bhi)  
 [<sup>42</sup>] yasya yasya yadā bhūā(bhū)mi=tasya tasya tadā phalam | (|) Sva-dattam para-  
 [<sup>43</sup>] dattam vā yō harēta vasumdharam | aśastim varsha-sahasrāṇi vi-  
 [<sup>44</sup>] śvāyām jāyatē kriā(kṛ)miḥ || Rō(rā)mah | Sāmānyō=yam dharma-sētra-nṛi-  
 [<sup>45</sup>] pa(pā)ṇam kālō kālō pālanīyō bhavadbhūḥ | sarvān-ā-  
 [<sup>46</sup>] tām-phāvinah pāthivōmndrān=bhūyō bhūyō yāchatē Rāmacham-  
 [<sup>47</sup>] draḥ || Dāna-pālanayōr-mā(ma)dhyē dānāt(oh)=irē(chhrē)yyō=nupālanam |  
 [<sup>48</sup>] dānāt=svargam=avāpnōti pālanāt=achyutam ya(pa)dam ||  
 [<sup>49</sup>] Maṁgala-mahā-śrēṣṭh(śrīḥ) | (|)

## Translation.

Om! Reverence to Śiva! Reverence to  
 Śrī-Gaṇādhīpati! May he<sup>27</sup>, the first boar,  
 protect you,—reflected on whose tusk, the  
 earth was upheld, and, through joy, attained,  
 as it were, twice as great prosperity (as before)!

There was the prosperous king Śimhāṇa,

<sup>22</sup> This mark of punctuation, again, is unnecessary.

born in the race of Yadau, whose fame was  
 celebrated throughout the three worlds, like  
 the fame of Hari.

As the moon (was created) in the ocean, so,  
 in the ocean which is the family of Yadau,  
 there was born from the king Śimhāṇa  
 the king who was named Jaitugi.

<sup>27</sup> These two letters, *ya*, seem to be superfluous and  
 unmeaning. <sup>28</sup> Vishṇu.



उपाधपायसुत रुद्रपा ध्यायस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ त  
 स्य ज्ञाता गोविन्दुणध्या यस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ सार  
 द्वाकागात्रकलिदेवपद वद्वेनसुत श्रीधरपदव  
 र्द्धतस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ गौतमगोत्रमदादतपुद्वद्वेनसुतका  
 तादवक्रमेतस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रमंश्यापदवर्द्धत  
 सुतवस्मादवराहोपाध्यायस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ दशितगात्रगाविद  
 सुतरायिदवराहोपाध्यायस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ शण्डिल्यागात्रदिद्यो  
 णसुतशारंगस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रमत्तपसुतमृकव  
 णपदवर्द्धतस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ नारदाकागात्रमददवसुतमलिद  
 वपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ रूषीतरगात्रसोमताघसुतवसेवणपलि  
 सस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ मात्रयगात्रगापालरातमलिदवचलिसस्यार्द्ध  
 वृत्तिः॥ विष्णुवृद्धागात्रमाश्वपदवर्द्धतसुतमलिदवपदवर्द्धतस्या  
 र्द्धवृत्तिः॥ मोत्रेयगात्रतापयगिसुतवसेवणक्रमितस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥  
 नारदाकागात्रतारगसुतज्ञातविदपदवर्द्धतस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ सार  
 द्वाकागात्रआश्वरुतजैश्वर्यपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ श्रीवसागा  
 त्रमायिदेवसुतगाविदपौसासस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रमा  
 दिव्यसुतमलिदवपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ वसिष्ठागात्रतापूर  
 पलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रविष्णुपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥  
 कौशिकागात्रदिव्यताघपसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ मात्रयगात्रमलिद  
 वचलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रसामिदवपेसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥  
 कौटिल्यागात्रनरसिद्धपेसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ कौशिकागात्रदामादरपलिस  
 ॥ विष्णुमित्रगात्रमलिदवपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ मूकगात्रकापलपनि  
 सस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रमरसिद्धपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ शण्डिल्यागात्रतागादिव  
 पलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ मगध्यागात्रकलिददपदवर्द्धतस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ मात्रयगा  
 त्रविष्णुपदवर्द्धतस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ नारदाकागात्रदासमलिदवपलिसस्यार्द्ध  
 वृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रसासुदवपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ दशितगात्रश्रीधरपदवर्द्धत  
 काश्यपागात्रवराहोपाध्यायसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ शण्डिल्यागात्रमाश्वपदवर्द्धत  
 पतेयापत्येकसुतवृत्तिः॥ काश्यपागात्रचमादवपाठकस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ त्रिगीमि  
 तगात्रगाहदवपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥ गतमागात्रमलिदवपलिसस्यार्द्धवृत्तिः॥

111.

[illegible]



His son was that glorious one, who is renowned under the name of Śrī-Kaṇhāra, and whose commands kings bear upon their heads and thus become happy. Victorious in the world is the king called Kaṇhāra; the waterlilies, which are his feet, shine brightly among the famous choice jewels in the diadems of all kings (*as they bow down before him*); he is the sun of the white waterlilies, which are the eyes of mankind; he is full of affection for Vāsudēva<sup>80</sup>, who disported himself for so long a time in the family of Yādava.

Ever victorious is he, the hero, renowned in the world, who has the appellation of Mallā, —the elder brother of Rīchā, and the son of Chikkadēva,—who, filling the post of minister of that eminent king, has the waterlilies, which are his feet, always made radiant by the jewels inlaid in the diadems of other kings; and who is the right arm of the victorious lord of the earth, the king, who was his<sup>81</sup> glorious son and was renowned under the name of Śrī-Kaṇhāra. Armed with the bow, he chastises his enemies; through charity, he gives wealth to the twice-born; and he is pleasing by reason of his perfect prosperity, which is nourished by obeisance performed to the feet of (*the god*) Śrī-Sōmanātha.

Hail! One thousand one hundred and seventy-one of the Śaka years having elapsed in the Saumya *sahvatsara*, on Saturday the day of the full-moon of (*the month*) Āshāḍha of that (*year*), under the Pūrva-Āshāḍhā *nakshatra* and the Vaidhṛiti *yōga*,—at this sacred time, while residing at the village of Mudugala, he,—the minister called Mallisaiṭṭi, who was entrusted with authority over all the dominions of the king,—with his permission, and at the request of the most pious Viranāyaka, at the time of worshipping his own deity, in the presence of (*the god*) Śrī-Sōmanātha, gave, with libations of water, at the village called Santheya-Bāgavādi in the Huvalli Twelve-villages in the country of Kuṇḍi, which was a district subject to his own authority, some land, marked out by six stones and situated in the southern part of that same village, to thirty-two Brāhmanas of many *gōtras*, together with the god, the holy Śrī-Mādhava. A field of the measure of one

thousand *kambas* was allotted for the *aṅgabhāga*, the *raṅgabhāga*, and all the other rites of the god, the holy Śrī-Mādhava. A field of the measure of two hundred *kambas* was allotted for the purpose of feeding Brāhmanas in the charitable dining-hall of the god Śrī-Mādhava. And another field was given to those Brāhmanas who dwelt at (*the town of*) Brahmapuri, which belonged to the god Śrī-Mādhava. And a rice-field of the measure of two hundred *kambas*, situated in the eastern part of that same village, was given by him for the purposes of that same charitable dining-hall. And, for the purposes of that same charitable dining-hall, there was given a field of the measure of one hundred *kambas* on the south-western side (*of the land*) of Vināyaka. Thus there was given by him land of the measure of five hundred *kambas* for the purpose of feeding Brāhmanas in the charitable dining-hall of the god Śrī-Mādhava.

And after that, his son, the minister Chāṇḍisaiṭṭi, for the purpose of continuing the religious act performed by his father, gave, with reference to that same subject, a copper charter to the god, the holy Mādhava, and to those Brāhmanas, and thus made permanent the religious act of his father.

The *gōtras* and the virtues and the names of those recipients of the gifts are now written. (*From here,—line 45,—to line 99, the inscription records the names, &c., of the grantees, and the share allotted to each. It is unnecessary to translate this portion in detail. In line 100 the inscription continues:—*

Thus thirty-two allotments were portioned out and given to the Brāhmanas.<sup>82</sup>

It has been said by the saintly Veda-Vyāsa, that this (*grant*) should be preserved by all future kings, precisely as if it were a grant made by themselves, (*in the words*):—"The earth has been enjoyed by many kings, commencing with Sagarā; he, who for the time being possesses land, enjoys the benefit of it"! He is born for the duration of sixty thousand years as a worm in ordure, who confiscates land that has been given, whether by himself or by another! (*Therefore has*) Rāma (*said*):—"This general bridge of piety of kings should at all times be preserved by you,—thus

<sup>80</sup> Krishna.

<sup>81</sup> *So.*, Sindhava's. The construction is very bad.

<sup>82</sup> The shares, however, if added up, amount to thirty-four and a quarter allotments.

does Râmachandra make his earnest request to all future princes." In (*discriminating between*) giving a grant and continuing (*the grant of another*), continuing (*the grant of*

*another*) is the better; by giving a grant a man attains paradise, but by continuing (*the grant of another*) a man attains an imperishable state! (*May there be*) the most auspicious prosperity!

## MISCELLANEA.

## SEALS FROM COPPER-PLATE GRANTS.

(See Plates, pp. 120, 252-3.)

Besides the seals from the copper-plate grants of Vinayâditya (alluded to above, p. 301) and of Kanharadêva (p. 303), we have given on the same plate (at p. 252) three others from the collection of Sir Walter Elliot: viz.—No. 1, the seal of the copper-plate grant of Vikramâditya I. dated Śaka 532, which grant has already been given (at p. 217); No. 3<sup>1</sup> is from an Eastern Chalukya grant of Râjarâja dated Śaka 944; and No. 4<sup>1</sup> from another Vengi grant of Kulôttunga-Chôladêva II. dated Śaka 1056. These last two grants will be given in volume VIII. of the *Indian Antiquary*, with full-size facsimile plates.

An impression of a seal of Ammarâja II. of the Eastern Chalukya dynasty is given on the plate facing p. 120. A transcription and translation of the plates to which it belongs will be given early in next volume.—Ed.

## KABÎR-PANTHIS AND SAT-NÂMÎS.

(Addition to the paper, ante, pp. 387-239.)

Much has yet to be learnt about the Kabîr-panthis and the teaching of Kabîr, the great leader of Indian reform in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. His sayings and precepts are innumerable, and many of them have still to be translated.

The Sat-nâmîs, too, are an interesting sect, and very little has yet been written about them or their leaders. Is there not more than one branch of this sect to be found in different parts of India? And if so, how do they differ?

MONIER WILLIAMS.

Oxford, November 8th, 1878.

METRICAL VERSIONS FROM THE  
MAHABHARATA.

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(Continued from p. 292.)

## BROKEN FRIENDSHIPS NEVER THOROUGHLY CEMENTED.

*Mahabharata*, xii. 4167.

Things well compact are hard to crack,  
And broken things are hard to mend;  
So shattered friendships, patched up, lack  
The love that marked the former friend.

## THE IGNORANT MAN'S PRAISE AND BLAME WORTHLESS.

*Mahabharata*, xii. 4217.

What boots the censure or applause  
Which undiscerning men bestow?  
Who ever heeds the senseless crow  
That in the forest harshly caws?

## DISHONEST EULOGISTS.

*Mahabharata*, xii. 4421.

The men who praise you, bland and bright,  
Before you,—rail behind your back,  
Are dogs that dread a front attack,  
But slink behind, your heels to bite.

## EVIL OF REVENGEFULNESS.

*Mahabharata*, xii. 4225.

The injured man who weakly longs  
To pay base slanderers back their wrongs  
Is like the ass which loves to lie  
And roll in ashes dirtily.

THE EFFECT WHICH SOCIETY PRODUCES ON THE FOOLISH  
AND THE WISE RESPECTIVELY.

*Mahabharata*, i. 3077.

The fool who listens day by day  
To all that men around him say,  
Whate'er is worst drinks in with greed,  
As pigs on garbage love to feed.  
But hearing others talk, the wise  
The precious choose, the vile despise;  
Just so do swans, with innate tact,  
From milk and water, milk extract.

EFFECTS OF ASSOCIATING WITH THE WISE AND THE  
FOOLISH.

*Mahabharata*, iii. 25.

To herd with fools delusion breeds,  
To error, vice, and misery leads;  
While those who wait upon the wise,  
On virtue's ladder ever rise.  
Let men who covet calm of mind,  
The old, the sage, the righteous find;  
From such the way of duty learn;  
Thus aided, truth and right discern.  
Such men's example, influences, looks,  
Teach better far than many books.

(To be continued.)

<sup>1</sup> The first two seals on the second page of the plate have been wrongly numbered as 1 and 3, instead of 3 and 4.



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## \* Abbreviations:—

c. = city.	g. = god or goddess.	l. m. = land-measure.	mot. = motto.	r. = river.	t. = temple.
d. = district.	k. = king.	m. = mountain.	o = official.	s. = sect.	v. = village.

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- p. 15a, ll. 14 and 40, and p. 15b, l. 12, for *Chāluka* read *Chalukya*.
- p. 15b, l. 35, for 'Vyayāditya' read 'Viṣayāditya.'
- p. 16, transcr. l. 30, for *chintamanir* read *chintāmanir*.
- p. 16, transcr. l. 36, for *uru* read *uru-*.
- " " l. 40, for *sarvān-ā-* read *sarv-*  
*vān-ā-*.
- p. 17, transcr. l. 54, for *Ālapāruḥ* read *Ālapāruḥ*.
- p. 17b, note 12, for this volume read Vol. VI.
- p. 18b, l. 35, for *Rāśhtrakūṭa* read *head-*  
*men of countries*.
- p. 19a, note 24, for *auto*, p. 24, read Vol. VI,  
p. 24.
- p. 28a, l. 14, after *require* insert . . .
- " l. 30, for *Sonpat* read *Sonpat*.
- " l. 33, for *Karangi* read *Kāranji*.
- " l. 53, for *Mulasamgha* read *Māla-*  
*samgha*.
- p. 28b, l. 2, *dele comma* after *Bhaṭṭārka*.
- " l. 3, *dele comma* after *pandita*.
- " l. 23, for *Jatis* read *Jāta*.
- " l. 32, for *Vispanthis* and *Therāpanthis*  
read *Vispanthis* and *Therāpanthis*.
- p. 28b, l. 44, for *Ohandraprajñapti* read *Ohan-*  
*draprajñapti*.
- p. 28b, l. 45, for *prajñapti* read *prajñapti*.
- " l. 49, for *nasara* read *nasdra*.
- p. 29a, ll. 36, 37, for *Grammar* read *Grammar*.
- " l. 52, for *there* [at Ajmir] read *at Ajmir*.
- p. 29b, l. 2, for *Governor General* read *for the*  
*Governor General*.
- p. 33b, ll. 24 and 26, for *Nāgamaṇḍala* read *Nā-*  
*gamaṇḍala*.
- p. 34, transcr. l. 9, *dele ||* after *samyuktō*.
- " " note 5, *dele h* before *Jihvamālīya*, and in  
the last line for *h* read *l*.
- p. 34b, l. 38, for *Siddhakēdara* read *Siddhakē-*  
*dāra*.
- p. 35, note 14, for p. 24a read p. 25a.
- p. 36, transcr. l. 14, for *samyuktō* read *samyuktō*.
- " " l. 16, for *para-(da)ttam(ttām)* read  
*para-dattam(ttām)*.
- p. 36, l. 19, for *nūpālana[th]* read *nūpālanaṭh*.
- p. 37, transcr. l. 14, for *gō-bhū* read *gō-bhū-*.
- " " l. 21, for *dvitīyō* read *dvitīyō*.
- p. 38, transcr. l. 26, for *samyuktō* read *sam-*  
*yuktō*.
- p. 91b, l. 17, for *Gaksha* read *Yaksha*.
- p. 102b, l. 38, for *ombhattanay avareham* read  
*ombhattanaya vareham*.
- p. 105, transcr. l. 33, for *paśchimataḥ(tah)* read  
*paśchimataḥ(tah)*.
- p. 105, transcr. l. 36, for *Akhaṭh[ḍa\*]la* read  
*Ākhaṭh[ḍa\*]la*.
- p. 106, transcr. l. 59, for *Parvataḥ* read *Pār-*  
*vataḥ*.
- p. 109a, l. 35, and 109b, l. 6, for the (field called)  
*Dēśagrāmakūṭakṣhetra* read the field of  
the head-men of the country and the villages.
- p. 110a, l. 5, for and the country and the villages  
read and the head-men of the country and the  
villages.
- p. 110b, l. 14, for *Jyēshṭhalinga* read  
*Jyēshṭhalinga*.
- p. 112a, l. 36, for years" having expired read  
years having expired."
- p. 136b, l. 23, for *fired* read *filled*.
- " l. 34, for *bullets* read *balls*.
- " l. 41, for *bullet* read *ball*.
- " l. 42, after *from a bow* *and* with unerr-  
ing aim.
- p. 156b, l. 8, for *Agāthāstru* read *Ajāthāstru*.
- p. 161a, l. 9, for *Nārūr* read *Nerūr*.
- p. 162, transcr. l. 19, for *hi(hin)syā* read  
*hi(hin)syāt*.
- p. 162, note 5, for *Prithu* read *Prithu*.
- p. 163a, l. 2, and 163b, ll. 6 and 16, for *Nārūr*  
read *Nerūr*.
- p. 164, transcr. l. 12, for *lakshmiṇ* read *laksh-*  
*mīn*, and cancel the word *prā(?)pya*.
- p. 183a, note 2, after *Malabar* add asserts that  
it is so.
- p. 183b, l. 34, for *वेपथु* read *वेपथु*.
- p. 188, transcr. l. 38, for *muyyard-dhamśah*  
read *muyyaddhamśah*.
- p. 189, transcr. l. 66, *dele ||* after *śukla-pakṣhē*.
- " " l. 68, for *Vinayākasya* read  
*Vināyakasya*.
- p. 190b, l. 39, for *Chēbūndothibōya* read  
*Chēbūndothibōya*.
- p. 191, transcr. l. 9, for *va(ma)hārājasya-* read  
*va(ma)hārājasya*.
- p. 192, transcr. l. 13, for *ādhiwasataḥ* read  
*adhivasataḥ*.
- p. 192b, l. 16, after all accomplishments insert  
like the moon which is possessed of (all) its digits.

- p. 210a, l. 22, for the date assigned to Pulikēśi I. read the genuineness of this grant.  
 p. 211, transcr. l. 17, for nāmā= read nām=ā.  
 p. 212, transcr. l. 33, for ēndrāchāp- read ēndra-chāp-.  
 p. 212, transcr. l. 38, for satair read śatair.  
 p. 213, " l. 51, for punah= read punāḥ=.  
 " " " l. 60, for chham f-jhāṭa read chhamī-jhāṭa, and for tasmā- read tasmāt.  
 p. 213, transcr. l. 66, for sīma read sīma(mā).  
 " " l. 71, for sīma read sīmā-.  
 " " ll. 72-3 for sīma read sīma(mā).  
 p. 214, transcr. l. 92, for achhirāṁśu read achi-rāṁśu.  
 p. 215a, l. 42, for fan read face.  
 p. 215b, ll. 27-8, for Kanakōpaḷā read Kanakōpaḷa.  
 p. 218a, l. 16, for Kisuvolaḷ read Kisuvolaḷ.  
 p. 218a, l. 18, for Basari-saṁgha read Basuri-saṁgha.  
 p. 219, transcr. l. 17, or visāla read viśāla.

- p. 220, transcr. l. 18, for [kāṁchi\*] read kāṁchi\*.  
 p. 220, transcr. l. 26, for (rma)ṇah read (rma)ṇah.  
 p. 229a, ll. 33, 34, for The E is the Latin Æ, read The E (or rather the ~~E~~) is the Latin Æ.  
 p. 244, text, l. 2, for isthāsan- read simhāsan-.  
 p. 248, transcr. l. 1, and p. 249, note 20, for Vijayapura-vāsakāt read Vijayapur-āvasakāt.  
 p. 248, transcr. l. 10, for chāta read chāta.  
 " " l. 13, dele = between svāminē and arddha.  
 p. 249, transcr. l. 31, for ūrvva read Pūrvva.  
 p. 261a, transcr. l. 4, for a<sup>13</sup> embank- read an<sup>13</sup> embank-.  
 p. 261b, note 14, for see below read see above, p. 257. &c.  
 p. 268a, l. 7, after (for 1864-5) add p. 416.  
 " ll. 8 and 27, for Khajuraho read Khajurāho.  
 p. 268a, l. 11, for Ohandel read Chāndel.  
 " l. 37, after states add that.

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p. 315a, l. 19, for second read sacred.

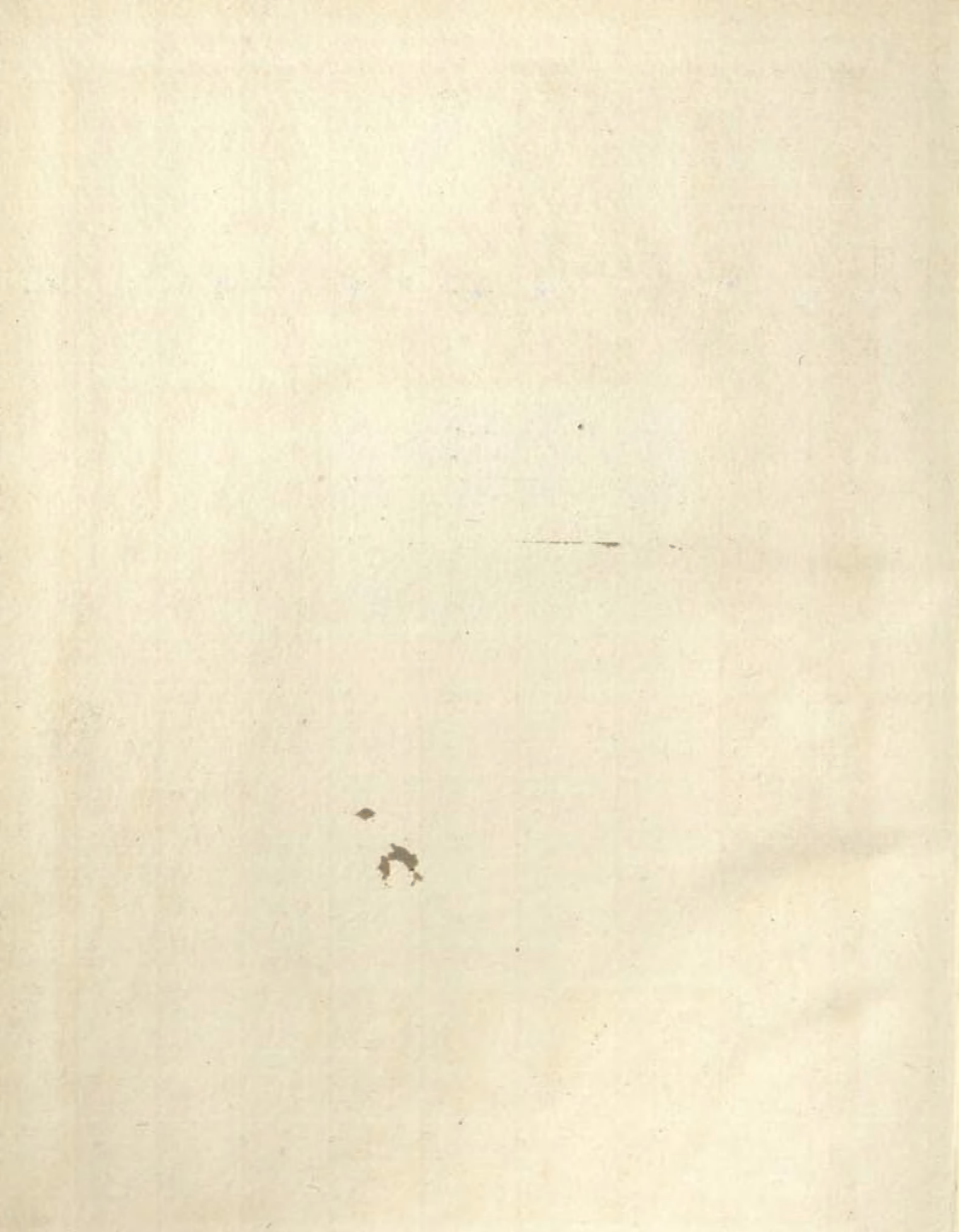


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